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LITERATURE

A History of English Prosody from the Twelfth Century to the Present Day. By George Saintsbury. Vol. II. (Macmillan & Co.)

The first volume of Prof. Saintsbury's 'History of English Prosody' was reviewed in The Athenœum of May 26th, 1906, and the welcome we there gave to it must be extended to this second volume. The style of the book is a distinct handicap to the student, but, in spite of such hindrance, we have read this volume with as eager an impatience as that with which we read the first, for the author is in love with his subject; he sees "that English prosody is and has been a living thing for seven hundred years at least," and, knowing that metre, verse pure and simple, is a means of expressing emotion, he here sets out to show us its development and variety during the most splendid years of our national consciousness.

The first volume came to an end with Spenser. The second begins with Shakspeare, and deals with the development and decadence of blank verse; the Elizabethan lyric and sonnet; the verse of Milton and the Caroline poets, of Dryden and of Pope, and the eighteenth century generally, ending with Crabbe. It is impossible in the space at our command to deal with all these fascinating themes; and we shall be content to touch on the more important.

In dealing with the blank verse of Mar-lowe Prof. Saintsbury emphasized what he called the "integral" character of the line, which, whether stopped or no, was constructed to live its own separate life, without any real relation to its fellows. Such lines—really the units, as it were, of the poem or play-are cumulative in their effect, and, while almost perfectly fitted to the sonnet (though even there they would need a certain relative adjustment), are in drama purely rhetorical.

Hints of what blank verse was to become in the hands of Shakspeare we find almost at once in his earliest work, while in his greater plays the lines have no longer any separate existence, but are grouped as it were in paragraphs, where at length we find in verse a perfect human speech. Yet, as Prof. Saintsbury shows, Shakspeare seems at first to have resisted his impulse to weld lines; and this is, as he says, just what a conscientious student of style would do; but "passion or satire, love or wit, get the better of his intention or make him intend more nobly," and he achieves the verse paragraph even in 'Titus Andronicus.' But take 'The Comedy of Errors,' which contains almost certainly some of Shakspeare's earliest work. Consider its rigid stichomythic bandying of words, and then in the following quotation note how the emotion has produced these wonderfully fused lines, subtly Shakspearian, and full of new secrets :-

For know, my love, as easy may'st thou fall A drop of water in the breaking gulf, And take unmingled thence that drop again, Without addition or diminishing, As take from me thyself, and not me too.

Shakspeare was experimenting, and his experiments were to lead him to such a consummate period as this from 'Romeo and Juliet':-

Why art thou yet so fair? shall I believe That unsubstantial death is amorous And that the lean abhorred monster keeps Thee here in dark to be his paramour? For fear of that, I still will stay with thee; And never from this palace of dim night
Depart again: here, here will I remain
With worms that are thy chamber-maids; O, here Will I set up my everlasting rest, And shake the yoke of inauspicious stars From this world-wearied flesh.

Prof. Saintsbury takes us all through the plays, and though we cannot follow him here in detail, we may perhaps examine what he has to tell us of 'Antony and Cleopatra,' where he finds the "last possible" prosodic improvement. There is hardly any prose in the play: it needs none, for Shakspeare is here absolute master of his material. Take the opening speech as given by Prof. Saintsbury :-Nay || but this dotage of our general's O'erflows the measure: || those his goodly eyes That o'er the files | and musters of the war Have glowed like plated Mars, | now bend, | now turn

The office and devotion of their view Upon a tawny front: || his captain's heart,
Which | in the souffles of great fights | hath burst
The buckles on his breast, || rene[a]g[u]es all

And is become | the bellows and the fan To cool a gipsy's lust.

"The poet plays on the ten lines as if they were strings separate but in harmony of a ten-stringed lyre." And if that is a perfect "paragraph," what are we to say of Peace! Peace!

Dost thou not see my baby at my breast

That sucks the nurse asleep ?

but that it has achieved what no stanza or rhyme could ever achieve? Or consider, again, what Mr. Arthur Symons once called the "mere broken sob" of

I little thought You would have followed!

"Nobody has approached Shakespeare," says Prof. Saintsbury,

"in this mastery of poetical conjuring with word and line, a mastery of which he had more than a glimpse as early as 'Romeo and Juliet,' and of which he gave the final and perfect display in 'The Tempest.'"

That this mastery was beyond even the best of his successors, the author shows in some of his most interesting pages.

It seems to have been in a sort of reaction against that "unscrewing' of blank verse which Shakspeare had certainly practised in his later plays that Milton forged his own wonderful "vehicle of narrative." For the general reader certainly the pages on Milton will be among the most interesting in the

The first triumph of Miltonic prosody, the 'Nativity' ode with its great and solemn form, 6, 6, 10, 6, 6, 10, 8, 12, rhymed aabcebdd, which seems almost like a sudden flowering of some fourteenthor fifteenth-century lyric, receives its due, as do the octosyllables of 'L'Allegro,' 'Il Penseroso,' and 'Comus,' and the unique and exquisite form of 'Lycidas,' so like a Canzone, and yet irregularin truth, a new symphonic form, which we seem to find in the 'Epithalamium' still in the bonds of the refrain. The octave of even decasyllables which closes 'Lycidas,' whether intentional or no, has the effect of the Shakspearian couplet that ends a blank-verse "tirade"; and as Prof. Saintsbury well says, 'Lycidas' is in effect a piece of blank verse carefully equipped with rhyme for the purpose, technically speaking, of providing it with

a lyric vehicle."
This brings us to the four documents of blank verse, 'Comus,' 'Paradise Lost,' 'Paradise Regained, 'and 'Samson Agonistes': the first and last of which are in dramatic form, the other two in narrative. The 'Comus' is obviously experimental. The first seventeen lines have not the paragraph effect, but are on the old model, and sometimes almost rhymed, after the Italian fashion, yet later Milton virtually achieves the verse period, as in lines 170-77. Prof. Saintsbury reminds us that Milton had nothing or almost nothing but dramatic blank verse as a guide. He admirably sums up Milton's achievement here :

"That marvellous billowy flow of verse in which Shakespeare floats on with an occasional break or ripple...is not what Milton aims at. His verses do not float: they march, and march magnificently, quickening or slackening, altering formation slightly, but always with more touch of mechanism in them than we find in Shakespeare, with more of the earth and less of the wind and the water, if with hardly less of fire in their composition."

It is, then, with this marvellous, but imperfect achievement behind him that Milton "launches the ship of blank verse into the sea as yet in fact unsailed by it. with no guide but his own soul, and no chart but Shakespeare's practice."

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Now Milton's main effect of beauty, in many ways a new effect, which, though he speaks of it, Prof. Saintsbury does not perhaps appreciate at its full value, is the pause, the emotional interval. Consider it (marked by a colon) in the following lines:—

And now his heart
Distends with pride, and hardening in his strength
Glories: For never since created man
Met such imbodied force as named with these.....

Thrice he assayed, and thrice in spite of scorn Tears such as angels weep burst forth: at last Words interwove with sighs found out their way.

Thus at their shady lodge arrived, both stood, Both turned, and under open sky adored.

The last of these instances is cited by Prof. Saintsbury, but he values it for other reasons.

As to the scansion of the poem, in our opinion Prof. Saintsbury proves his case, if it needed proving. As we said in reviewing the first volume of this work, "elision in verse means not that two syllables are read as one, but that they can be read as one; and surely it is the fact that they can be so read which makes them permissible." But if you are going to speak "of glory obscured" as "of glor-yobscured," you are simply not speaking English. Again, as to the elisions, such as they are, in the printed text of 'Paradise Lost': how much faith is to be placed in them, when we know that Milton was blind when the book was printed? The whole question is rather one of English pure and simple than of any hard-and-fast rules of scansion. Rhythm is the creation of words, of a due measure of words, and of that the ear is the final and absolute judge. Its dissection or division into certain prearranged beats, accents, or number of syllables must be always at the mercy of the words themselves. If the trisyllable occurs as it does, and disagrees with your theory, it is your theory that must go. At any rate, you cannot evade or deny the word, which has its value in English as certainly as any word in any foreign tongue, living or dead. For instance, you cannot pronounce "omi-nous" as "omnous," or "popular" as nous" as "omnous," or "popular" as "poplar": if you do, you are not speaking English. And it might seem, too, that you are not speaking English if you read

His min | isters | of Ven | geance and | pursuit with only three stresses, for the result, as Prof. Saintsbury wittily points out, is just that of the shunting of trains at night. If it is to be laid down that ten syllables and no more are to go to an English heroic line, what is to be said of the hundreds of lines in 'Paradise Lost' that prove this dictum wrong, that sound, if they are cut down, horrible, but, if let alone, with a new and exquisite music?

The chief value, as it is the chief object of this "History' is the vindication of the "three great laws of English prosody: Foot arrangement, substitution, and equivalence." "I believe," says Prof. Saintsbury,

"that Milton deliberately scanned his verse as I scan it—if not to the minutest detail, yet in all general points of foot division, equivalence, and substitution. I am not only sure that no other so well accounts for the actual result: I do believe that no other will account at all for the production of that result, and especially for the production of some of the least, as well as of the most, delectable points in it."

We have left ourselves but little room to deal with the rest of the book. The chapters devoted to the 'Battle of the Couplets,' the 'Decay of Dramatic Blank Verse,' and the 'Caroline Lyric, Pindaric, and Stanza,' are, after those dealing with Shakspeare and Milton, the most important in the book. As he has dealt with the Elizabethans and Milton, so he deals with Dryden and the eighteenth century. We think more space might have been given to a prosodist like Fraunce, but Prof. Saintsbury promises to deal with the hexameter, and answer the question, What is a Foot? in the third volume.

The book is full of admirable work in almost every way, but incorrigibly careless now and then, generally in unimportant things. The worst of these carelessnesses or mistakes should be noticed, for it has a long history. In speaking of 'Astrophel and Stella,' Prof. Saintsbury quotes the first line of the first sonnet to show the use of the alexandrine:—

Loving in truth, and fain in verse my love to show; and he adds that "it is most noteworthy that the famous final line,

'Fool,' said my Muse, 'look in thy heart and write,'

discards the lumbering top - hamper of the other thirteen." What is noteworthy, however, is that Sidney did not write the line as Prof. Saintsbury quotes it, but as an alexandrine:—

"Fool," said my Muse to me, "look in thy heart and write."

What authority is there for Prof. Saintsbury's reading? It seems that it may be traced to Prof. Arber's 'English Garner': it occurs again in Mr. Sidney Lee's reprint 'Elizabethan Sonnets' from the 'English Garner,' though we are there told that Prof. Arber's name is "sufficient guarantee for the accurate collation of the texts." This mistake in the last line of Sidney's sonnet is repeated in the Vale Press edition of 'Astrophel and Stella'; and here it is again, misleading Prof. Saintsbury. A professor may be brilliant or dull, a plodder or a pioneer, but he is expected to be accurate in his texts. Such carelessness as this in detail is not what we expect from a teacher of youth.

The Age of Shakespeare. By Algernon C. Swinburne. (Chatto & Windus.)

EVERY ONE interested in English literature will be grateful to our great poet for collecting these scattered essays from the pages of 'The Encyclopædia Britannica,' and the periodical publications of the last quarter of a century, into a shape which emphasizes their essential unity, and serves at the same time to com-

memorate the debt that criticism owes to Charles Lamb, to whose memory the book is dedicated—not to speak of the pleasure afforded by the new sonnet from the master's pen, which exhibits once more the rare felicity of phrase for

which he stands pre-eminent. Mr. Swinburne is so fine a critic, and so completely master of his subject, that even those who have long been familiar with the greater number of these essays will read them with the certainty of lighting on matter well worth study, and will find fresh interest in tracing the few changes time has brought about in his judgment. From this point of view the essay on Marlowe, enlarged and rounded off from its original form, is undoubtedly the most important. Even now the rapid transitions of thought demand a mental agility and a command of the subject which, we imagine, is only possessed by a select minority of Mr. Swinburne's readers. The criterion of a great poet, for example, laid down in the first paragraph is only implicitly concerned with what follows. Another addition to the original essay seeks to vindicate Marlowe from the charge of a lack of humour, of comic genius-"not a gleam of wit in him or a twinkle of humour "-and corrects the author of A Study in Shakespeare' with an authority no other critic could pretend to exercise. The argument leaves us unconvinced, but wondering why

Such conceits as clownage keeps in pay should be deemed necessary to the full glory of one who condemned them thus bitterly.

Mr. Swinburne's appreciation of the works of the contemporaries of Shakspeare is so high that to the average reader it will often seem to border on exaggeration. Critics less sure of their ground, and with less trust in their powers, dare not venture so far in the expression of their admiration. It must be confessed that one cannot always distinguish where the critic finishes and the fine frenzy of the poet begins. It seems curious in an essay on Marlowe to read a passing panegyric of Nash as "the worthiest English precursor of Swift in vivid, pure, and passionate prose," when we remember Nash's criticism of Marlowe, "the swelling bumbast of a bragging blank verse." Indeed, one feels sure that every now and then Mr. Swinburne, in exalting the subject of his praise, has unduly depreciated other, if lesser writers. Eugène Sue as compared with Victor Hugo may have passed the delicate line of demarcation which divides "the impressive and the terrible from the horrible and the loathsome," but not to such an extent as to make us forget that he is the creator of 'Mathilde,' a work which stamps its author as one of the great romantics. To quote Mr. Swin-burne against himself, "The difference between Michel Angelo and Goya...does not quite efface the right of the minor artist to existence and remembrance. But the whole of the essay on Webster is written in an unusually aggressive

tone; it challenges opposition, it forces the reader to reconsider opinions long held axiomatic—witness the fierce onslaught on the "vulgar theatricalities of

Euripides."

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Nor has Mr. Swinburne thought fit to soften in any way the scathing denunciations he is used to lavish on pretenders and dunces in the heat of his indignation. His contempt for Mark Twain seems unjust—"Tupper and Mark Twain"—till we remember that no punishment could be too great for the author of 'A Yankee at the Court of King Arthur,' if it were a fair example of his work. We still read of "the inoffensive monomaniac" whose crime was that he "thought fit to reprint a thing in dramatic or quasidramatic form " and attribute it to Marston; of a play honoured with "appreciation by Lamb and responsive depre-ciation by Gifford"; of the "contemporary student" who adopted the proffered suggestion that Peele wrote 'Romeo and Juliet'; of the conclusive reason that certain tracts were written by Middleton-"Mr. Carew Hazlitt thinks that they are not"; and of the "protests of the universities against the universe." To some of us these excursions happily recall "old, unhappy, far-off things, and battles long ago "; to the greater number of readers they must be matter for antiquarian annotation. Like the Indian chieftain, Mr. Swinburne can afford to forgive his enemies: if he has not eaten them all, he has reduced them to dust.

Editors of the text of Webster, Dekker, and others will find some interesting emendations, but we must confess that the phrase our critic boggles at, however bad as poetry, presents no difficulty as parsing, being a simple inversion of "and we will eat roots to imprison fugitive gold in iron hold"—a sentence no doubt as "helpless and graceless as the action of a spavined horse," but still intelligible. We miss the parody of Tennyson: And we doubt not through the ages one increasing

purpose runs,
And the thoughts of girls are widened with the
process of the suns

—almost the only omission from the original text of these essays.

Admirers of the modern drama will find some food for thought in the essay on Heywood; and once more all can join

in enjoying the full-hearted appreciation of the great style of

"an age unparalleled in wealth and variety of genius, a style unmatchable for its union of inspired and imaginative dignity with actual and vivid reality of impassioned and lofty life."

A Short History of Scotland. By Prof. P. Hume Brown. (Oliver & Boyd.)

Patriotism and educational zeal—a desire to interest and a desire to enlighten—have, we presume, inspired the efforts that are being made to engage young minds in the study of Scottish history; and much as we have enjoyed the reading of this book, "published originally for use in schools," it has impressed us with the idea that these motives are not easily

reconciled. The little people of Scotland, and the bigger people to whom the present enlarged edition appeals, are fortunate in having secured so highly competent an instructor as Prof. Hume Brown, the Historiographer Royal; and they will be none the less grateful if, as we think, he has been only too careful not to overtax their brains. There is, indeed, no warrant for such criticism in the first half of the book; for schoolboys are not expected to be antiquaries, and Prof. Brown has put before them, with admirable discrimination, all that they need to know about the making and the moulding of the Scottish people. Never entangled in mere detail, he has a keen eye for the essential and the picturesque, and the interest of his lucid narrative is enhanced by the glimpses it affords of life in castle, town, and farm.

The later chapters evince equal skill; but movements demanding closer scrutiny were initiated by the Reformation, and, as nobody is more competent than Prof. Brown to explain such matters, we regret that his stores of erudition are sparingly bestowed. Battles, riots, and persecutions are adequately described; but there is a strange reticence with regard to laws, institutions, and ideas. For example, no distinction is drawn between the Parliament of 1560, which recognized the Protestant religion, and that of 1567, which established and endowed the Protestant Church; the Act of Classes, which ruined Covenanted Presbyterianism, is not mentioned; and, whilst two pages are devoted to the massacre of Glencoe, the Revolution Church Settlement-apart from a few words on patronage-is dismissed in a sentence. Even the tacit condemnation of the Covenants is ignored. The rise of Episcopacy under James VI. is not accounted for by any allusion to the pretensions of ministers to interfere in politics; and surely a reader who is interested in the exploits of Montrose will want to know why "he had now gone over to the side of the king." In an earlier section- How Scotland was Governed -the Constitution is vaguely adumbrated : but no explicit reference is made to the Lords of the Articles, and we are told nothing of the abolition of that body in the reigns of Charles I. and William. From the simple style of the book it may be assumed that such topics are regarded as beyond its scope; do not know why this 'Short History of Scotland' should be much more elementary than Mr. Ransome's 'Short History of England'; and no general taste for the serious cultivation of Scottish history will, in our opinion, be formed so long as the teaching in universities and schools differs, not only in degree, but also in kind.

We have noticed one point on which exception may be taken to Prof. Brown's narrative. The statement on p. 366 that "Tulchan" bishops were set up by Morton during the regency of Mar must refer to the Convention of Leith; but, as Mr. Grub has shown, the articles of that agreement were intended not to sanction,

but to prevent, abuses which had already become notorious. Indeed, it was expressly stipulated "that all feus, rentals, or tacks of any spiritual livings or promotions" should henceforth be void. The book is profusely illustrated, contains several maps and plans, and has a useful, though incomplete Index.

Prose Works of Jonathan Swift. Edited by Temple Scott. Vol. XII. (Bell & Sons.)

MESSRS. BELL are to be warmly congratulated on the completion of their edition of Swift's prose works. It has taken over ten years to produce the twelve volumes; but considering the difficulties of the work and the dislocation involved in Mr. Temple Scott's change of calum, though not of animus, when he removed himself to the United States, there has been no unnecessary delay, and the distance of the editor-in-chief, whilst compelling several changes in the division of work, has not deprived the edition of its general unity of plan and execution.

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Of the care and thoroughness of all concerned in it-editors, contributors, publishers, and printers-we cannot speak too highly. For the first time the student has a really complete and satisfactory edition of Swift's prose works, sufficiently annotated and provided with the needful bibliographical apparatus, issued in a convenient form and at a very moderate price. Type, paper, portraits, are all that can be wished in such a work; the volumes are light in the hand, and remarkably free from blemishes of any kind; and the really colossal index, supplied by Miss Jacob, and occupying 370 closely printed columns, is a monument of industry and intelligence—the two are not always met with together in index-makers-and not only enables one to find what one wants in the twelve volumes, but even includes various identifications which must have required considerable research to establish. When the proposed volumes of Swift's Correspondence, interrupted by the sudden loss of Mr. C. Litton Falkiner, are added, we shall have everything that Swift wrote in prose; and perhaps Messrs. Bell will then consider whether the obvious objections to much of his verse are not outweighed by its merits and by the natural wish of students to possess the whole of Swift without expurgation.

When we speak of "the whole" of Swift, we are aware that there is no real finality in the matter. The Bibliography by Mr. W. Spencer Jackson, which forms a very important feature of the present volume, gives a supplementary list of 'Doubtful and Suppositious Works of Dean Swift,' covering 45 pages; and only two of these doubtful works are included in this edition. On the other hand, the 'Proposal....for the More Effectual Preventing the Further Growth of Popery,' printed in vol. iv. of this edition, was certainly ascribed to Addison by Steele, who ought to have known. It is notoriously difficult to determine on

grounds of style whether Swift was or was not the author of numerous broadsides, pamphlets, and skits of various kinds which appeared during his lifetime He scarcely ever signed anything, delighted in making a mystery of his authorship, and wrote a style so lacking in characteristic distinction that it is extremely dangerous to ascribe a piece to him solely on internal evidence. If anything, we are inclined to think that Mr. Temple Scott has been a little too easy in including a few doubtful works in this edition; but on the other hand he has rightly ejected a great many that encumbered the nineteen volumes of Scott's un-critical second edition of 1824. Only those who have really worked at Scott's edition or at the two ungainly volumes brought out by Roscoe in 1841 are in a position to appreciate the thoroughness of the present issue.

Mr. Jackson's Bibliography is an ex-Mr. Jackson's Bibliography is an excellent piece of work. Hitherto there have been merely partial attempts at Swiftian bibliography, by Mr. Solly, the late Prof. Churton Collins, and more completely by Dr. S. Lane-Poole, who published in *The Bibliographer* in 1884 a list of all the editions in all the libraries to which he had access, with some collations. Mr. Jackson has followed his plan of giving references to the copies in the various libraries, and these have greatly multiplied in the last twenty-four years.

As Mr. Jackson remarks :—
"The pitfalls for the unwary in Swift bibliography are innumerable; nearly all his writings appeared anonymously, printers obtaining manuscripts which could be rightly or wrongly attributed to him had no hesitation in issuing them, the lack of international copyright between England and Ireland allowed anything first published in either country to be freely reprinted in the other, spurious editions were issued for the benefit of the poor, different editions of the same work seem to defy a decision as to which was the original,"

and so forth.

We do not imagine that a perfect bibliography of Swift is attainable, and Mr. Jackson himself does not pretend to have escaped all the "pitfalls"; but as far as we have examined his list we are satisfied that he has taken immense pains to be both accurate and complete. It would probably have been scarcely worth the labour to carry his work to the ideal pitch of collating the various editions with one another; but here and there such collation seems to be necessary. For example, it should have been indicated that the famous lines in 'Cadenus and Vanessa,' which obviously convey a which obviously convey a damaging innuendo, did not appear in the earlier issues of 1726. A reference is indeed given to Mr. E. Solly's article in The Antiquarian Magazine for January, 1885, where the collation is made; but the omission of the lines ought to have been noticed. We observe that the original edition by Benj. Tooke of the Project for the Advancement of Religion in 1709, which was unknown to Mr. Temple Scott when he published vol. iii., has been found by Mr. Jackson in the Guildhall Library; but a correction

should have been added to Mr. Scott's suggestion that the pamphlet originally appeared in 1708 with a postdated titlepage—a suggestion disproved by an advertisement in *The Post-boy* for April 5-7, 1709, cited by Mr. G. A. Aitken in these columns. The flaws in Mr. Jackson's Bibliography are, however, as nothing in comparison with its many merits. It will be invaluable to collectors of Swift.

The late Recorder of Dublin's essay on the portraits of Swift and Stella, which takes the first place in the new volume, is not only an authoritative, but also a charmingly written study of the subject, enlivened by anecdotes, and biographies of the painters Jervas and Bindon, and incidentally of other persons connected with the portraits; and completed by interesting descriptions of some famous Swift houses, such as Delville, Swiftsheath, and Woodpark: the last, oddly enough, Sir Frederick Falkiner seems to have experienced some difficulty in discovering, though it is marked in the old Irish roadbooks. Sir Frederick was one of the trustees of the famous portraits of Swift and Stella-the finest of Swift in existence, but not the best of Stellabelonging to the late Rev. Edward Berwick, who contributed much valuable material to Sir Walter Scott's edition of Swift; and this connexion, added to his own interest in art, led to the Recorder's undertaking the investigation of the numerous complicated problems involved in the Dean's portraits. The difficulty arises chiefly from the existence of replicas and innumerable copies. When Lord Howth commissioned Bindon to paint Swift's portrait, he wrote to Dr. Grattan

"to give Mr. Bindon strict charge in the finishing of it, and when that is done to bring it to his house for fear I should get a Copy instead of the Original.

Unfortunately, the original painter was not the only one to do copies. Those,

says Sir Frederick,

"by unknown brushes, have enhanced the perplexity, so that one honest inquirer at least, after a two years' hunt, has been forced to forego the hope of truly identifying half the 'genuine' Swifts in the houses and the collections of Ireland and England, or of tracing several of which there was once the clearest contemporary proof. His careful essay, however, will probably lead to further discoveries by drawing

attention to the blanks. The Bodleian Jervas is pronounced to be "almost certainly Swift's earliest authentic portrait"; from which it is evident that Sir Frederick Falkiner discredited the queer picture of Swift as a student which is reproduced in vol. i. of this edition. The Oxford (Harley) Jervas, which may have been painted in 1716-17, seems to have disappeared; at least, it is not at Welbeck, where the Harley possessions went after Lord Oxford's daughter's marriage to the Duke of Portland. The fine portrait in the English National Portrait Gallery is "unquestionably by the same hand that painted the Bodleian Swift, or copied from the same artist." It came from Moira House, which, by a slip, Sir Frederick places on the "north"

quays of the Liffey; but it is rivalled, if not excelled, in our opinion, by the splendid Berwick Jervas in the Irish Gallery. Then there are the Cobham Knole, Chesterfield, and Bessborough Jervases, the last two not yet identified. Pope painted Swift, but threw the "masterpiece" away. "Whatever its the "masterpiece" away. "Whatever its faults, it would perhaps sell for thousands at Christie's to-day." The five or six Bindon portraits—the existence of one of which was lately discovered by Dean Bernard, though its present owner is not known-rest upon much firmer grounds of authenticity than some of the Jervases. It is lamentable how careless the possessors of these portraits have sometimes been in preserving their pedigree. It is like a single life-tenant who "often permits the links of a century to be lost in the title of an heirloom." Swift was not fortunate in his painters, for whatever Jervas's merits and Bindon's faithfulness, we do not possess a single portrait of him which is a great work of art. Both Kneller in his age and Hogarth in his youth might have painted him; but neither did, though there was a suggestion

of his sitting to Sir Godfrey.

. We have not space to say much about the present Dean of St. Patrick's interesting and sympathetic essay on 'The Relations of Swift and Stella.' The main points were first brought out by Dr. Bernard in an article in Blackwood's Magazine two years ago, and they did not convince us then, and do not now. The one new piece of evidence then adduced, and now repeated, is the letter from Dr. Evans, Bishop of Meath, in 1723, in which it is asserted that Stella was married to Swift. That such gossip should arise from their intimate friendship was inevitable; but we do not see that the opinion of one whom Dr. Bernard admits to have been "an old enemy of Swift's," and who commits himself over one or two scandalous misstatements in this very letter, adds much to the probability of such a perfectly useless ceremony. All that it proves is that the story of a marriage was put about as early as 1723a fact unsuspected before the discovery of this letter. It does not prove that there was a particle of truth in the gossip.

NEW NOVELS.

The Gentleman. By Alfred Ollivant. (John Murray.)

"EFFECTIVE" is perhaps the right adjective to apply to Mr. Ollivant's vigorous tale of a Napoleonic plot to capture Nelson. It is written in short and forcible sentences, in three books and 91 chapters, which cover only 406 pages of large print; and there is scarcely a page which does not flow with blood and resound with glory for the much weaker faction, which wins always against fearful odds. The hero is a newly joined midshipman of sensitive, childlike disposition and terrifying courage, who is charged by old Ding-Dong, the com-mander of the Tremendous, with his last

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breath, to warn and rescue Nelson. His allies are a fighting parson and his famous sword "Lady Polly," Nelson's legless and aged foretop man, an idiot boy, and the Cockney nipper "Knapp"; while their shelter is a fortified cottage on the Downs between Eastbourne and Lewes. Here they are besieged by "the Gentleman," who is a fascinating swordsman of the Irish Legion, and the author of the plot, with a frigate, a privateer, and a company of Grenadiers under his orders, and backed by the "Black Cap Gang," a ghastly, treacherous crew of smugglers, who apparently terrorized the coast of Sussex in the year 1805. Dispatches are captured by the little cottage garrison, revealing a list of gentlemen of the surrounding neighbourhood whose sympathies are with Napoleon. After several desperate sorties the boy hero at length fulfils his mission, and Nelson is rescued in the Channel from the traitors. It is certainly a daring plot, and on a fly-leaf at the end of the book Mr. Ollivant announces that he will answer no questions concerning it. So be it, and in a tale which is strong and stirring, and in parts written with remarkable beauty, it is not necessary to search for historical accuracy. The last fight of the Tremendous is one of the best naval battles in fiction.

The Gorgeous Borgia. By Justin Huntly McCarthy. (Hurst & Blackett.)

A STORY-TELLER who takes the younger son of Alexander VI. for his hero handicaps himself: let him paint his picture in as startling colours as he pleases, he can never attain to the glaring hues of the chroniclers. The audacity, the ruthlessness, the ability, and magnificence of the Borgia, as recorded by the pens of his contemporaries, make up a portrait to which the most daring novelist finds nothing to add. To present the familiar figure unweakened is the best that a modern writer may hope to do. This measure of success Mr. McCarthy has achieved. What we see of his Cæsar is both terrible and attractive. But we do not see much; Mr. McCarthy exhibits him chiefly in relation to an invented episode of his private life, and hardly at all in his public acts. In this, perhaps, the novelist has done wisely, for his book does not suggest an intimate knowledge of Cæsar's times. The events of history are very cavalierly dealt with.

In Wolf's Clothing. By Charles Garvice. (Hodder & Stoughton.)

"Here was the long arm of coincidence indeed!" exclaims the author of this melodramatic story when he imposes a particularly heavy strain upon the credulity of the reader. There is scarcely a chapter in which he might not have repeated the phrase. Nearly all the figures in the story—including a highspirited girl who runs away, attired as a boy, from a home on which "countless suns" have shone, and a refined and

of a valuable estate in Australia, is engaged in menial work in a Devonshire house-pass through a series of adventures strange and rapid enough to stretch the long arm to breaking point. Economy is a virtue which appears to have no attraction for Mr. Garvice: his hand is as lavish in sentimentality as in incident.

Love and the Interloper. By Frank Frankfort Moore. (Hutchinson & Co.)

Mr. Frankfort Moore, who is accustomed to make his literary dishes out of very slight ingredients, has what in culinary circles is known as a light hand. His materials have never been more slender or his touch more delicate than in this conventional story of Irish life. A wealthy young Englishman, having bought an Irish estate from the mortgagees, wins the affections of the charming daughter of the dispossessed owner by pretending to be his own gamekeeper. Their fishing excursions, on which they talk a great deal more than they fish, occupy the greater part of the book, but the brightness of the dialogue does not always atone for the lack of movement. The story leaves with us mainly a feeling of admiration for the skill which has enabled Mr. Moore to keep it going

Once Aboard the Lugger. By A. S. M. Hutchinson. (Alston Rivers.)

Mr. Hutchinson is a comic philosopher who exhibits almost to perfection the self-conscious showman's airs and graces. He is undoubtedly a novelist of enviable originality. Mr. Marrapit, the first person to appear in his narrative, is a comic masterpiece-perfect in hypocrisy, primness, mannerism of speech, and the catworship on which the farcical plot is founded. The hero is a medical student, and the heroine a "lady help." Notable are the relentless satire of mushroom gentility, and a glowing description of a fight between the hero and a man who persecutes the heroine with dishonourable attentions.

Tormentilla; or, The Road to Gretna Green. By Dorothea Deakin. (Smith, Elder & Co.)

An amusing scene or two may be noted in this book, especially those concerned with its secondary people and minor incidents. A feeling of youth and high spirits gives it at times an engaging air. Tormentilla herself shows the generous instincts of youth, the pleasant folly supposed to be bound up in the heart of a child. Her own temporarily unhappy love-affair and the similar affairs of some other people attract her attention and that of the reader. She attempts (with some of the usual results) to play the part of good providence to other lovers. A good deal of complication results, a whole village being nearly thrown into disorder. The voices of local folk make an amusing stalwart youth who, though the owner chorus to these ill-judged proceedings.

Miriam. By Edith C. M. Dart. (Edward Arnold.)

This appears to be a first novel. It shows that the author has entered thoroughly into the theme and the personalities of the actors in the little drama of love and death. It is softly rather than vigorously written, but has some genuine sentiment for background and a sense of character. It is a love-story, and the lovers are not uninteresting. A West Country squire has married a useless but charming lady, though she is a little mistily drawn. Between them by degrees they allow a fine old place to go to rack and ruin. Then the nice and quietly quixotic heroine appears, and endeavours to make head against the trouble.

BOOKS OF TRAVEL.

THE EARL OF RONALDSHAY publishes, under the title A Wandering Student in the Far East (2 vols.), through Messrs. Blackwood & Sons, a new book on his adventurous travels. It is, we think, his best, and he gives us reason to believe that, if his Parliamentary duties allow sufficient leisure, he may become a useful guide to little-known may become a useful guide to little-known Eastern districts of political importance. In the second of the volumes now before us Lord Ronaldshay deals fully with the various railway routes between Burma and Southern China, and discusses, with a wide view, the rival merits and demerits of French and British plans by which trade is to be lured across the mountains to the sea. The general doctrine that water carriage will always beat land carriage does not make this problem so clear as some had taught us to believe. The upper portions of the Chinese rivers are difficult and dangerous for navigation; and if we are to trust to water carriage, the development of the trade of the extremely populous southwestern provinces of China will be slow. On the other hand, to make railways through On the other hand, to make railways through the mountains is a more arduous undertaking than in the Andes, and likely to be less remunerative. No one who is interested in the subject should fail to study these chapters by Lord Ronaldshay.

"The vast ambitions and imperious energy of M. Paul Doumer, late Governor-General of French Indo-China," are fully described. M. Doumer, though less before

the public than when he narrowly missed the French Presidency, is by no means an extinct force, and is certain again one day to hold high office. The situation of the French Empire of Indo-China is, however, now affected by the knowledge possessed in France of the partial resuscitation of China and the rise to power of Japan. France is for the present guaranteed by the understandings based upon the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, following as it did on that of Portsmouth; but these treaties, like most others, are not eternal. The military and naval defence of Indo-China is beyond the means of France, and for practical pur-poses beyond those of any distant Power. From railways and French ambitions,

Lord Ronaldshay turns to a general survey of Chinese trade, and will have influence in convincing his political friends that the Japanese menace to our own trade is less immediate than some suppose. The chapters here on trade need to be supplemented by perusal of the latest Consular report on the trade of China, the totals of which are named by the author, while many of the details appeared too late to be included

in his pages. It is noteworthy that Lord Ronaldshav counts the investment of Japanese capital in China as a gain to Japan an interesting theory in face of the common belief that the investment of British capital in South America is not to our advantage. The author gives much information about the tea trade, but his references to the manufacture of brick tea lead us to add the facts (of which he does not, we think, take note) that an increasing amount of tea dust from Java, India, and Ceylon is now being imported into China; that of brick tea, almost entirely made for Russia, the bulk now goes by sea to Vladivostock; and that Russia imports by land no tea except the inferior quality, in brick, chiefly manufactured from dust and stalks.

The plates from photographs are mostly fresh and generally excellent. The "ginrick-a-sha" is not, as stated in a quotation from Margary, an "invention emanating from the native brain entirely," but a happy English idea.

The memoirs of the Comtesse de Boigne owed much of their interest to the foot-notes of the editor, but the lady was not well treated by him, and the careful annotation was chiefly devoted to the exposure of her petty spites. Rarely have we come across a volume of which the author is more indebted to his editor than After Waterloo: Reminiscences of European Travel, 1815-1819, by Major Frye, edited by M. Salomon Reinach (Heinemann). The bypaths of history do not know a more accomplished traveller than the distinguished member of the "Institut," whose industry and learning are recognized throughout Europe. When he takes up, as a labour of love, the elucida-tion of the diary of a commonplace British officer, he gives to the memoir a charm wholly lacking in the ungarnished original. Some may think that M. S. Reinach's excisions are insufficient, and that a good deal of dull matter remains in a volume which. if shorter, might more frequently have been read from end to end. But, in any case, we find considerable value in the simple account of the state of middle-class Europe in 1816, which Major Frye's pages, as introduced by M. Reinach, present.

General de Boigne was not a hero to his wife, who ignores him in her memoirs. To Major Frye (who knew nothing of the Countess) De Boigne was a great person. Frye ends his account of Scindia's right-hand man by protesting against the charge that the general

"owed his riches and fortune to his treachery, in having betrayed and sold Tippoo Saib......It is an accusation totally devoid of foundation, as I shall presently show; and I took this opportunity of vindicating the reputation of De Boigne, by simply stating that De Boigne could never have betrayed Tippoo, since he was never in the service; 2dly, that he had, when in the service of Scindiah, fought against Tippoo, when the Mahrattas coalesced with the English against that Prince.....3dly, that De Boigne had quitted India in 1796, three years before the.....death of Tippoo.....1 hope that what I said will be effectual towards doing away this injurious report; but very probably it will not, for when the vulgar once imbibe an opinion, it is difficult to eradicate it from their minds, and they are not at all obliged to the person who endeavours to undeceive them, so that General De Boigne's treachery and sale of Tippoo to the English will be handed down to posterity......as a fact of which it will be as little permitted to doubt as of the treachery of Judas."

France, Italy, and Germany all found favour in the author's eyes. But the British Tory and the British Minister were hated with a bitterness exceeding that of Napier, and expressed without Napier's eloquence or style. Frye asserts that the younger Pitt intended "to put down

the French Revolution," and "to interfere with the affairs of France," as apart from the necessities of our own empire. We now know from the Dropmore MSS. that, as early as 1800, Pitt had come round to the view expressed by Grenville that the French Revolution, when settled in the Consulate, was in every way superior to a Bourbon monarchy, and so consistent with British interests that an endeavour might be made to create an alliance with Napoleon. "Prejudice" for prejudice, there is no comparison between that of Frye and that of Pitt. Frye attacks his country for "the wanton destruction of the Capitol and other public buildings at Washington," for which he asks, "What excuse can be offered?" without remember-ing that the defence of the orders was based on the destruction wrought on similar buildings in Upper Canada by the American forces in the same war. Frye also defends the carrying-off to Paris by the French of the greatest works of art in Europe; and denounces the Allies for removing them from the Louvre. He adds that France did not plunder, but protected, the museums of Vienna and Berlin. We have pointed out on a previous occasion that, of all the robberies, that of the Peruginos from the neighbourhood of Perugia was the most brilliant and the least defensible, while the "restoration" to the Pope of the three Peruginos now in the Vatican did not meet the reasonable claim of the former owners of pictures that Rome had never

Among the Frenchmen defended or whitewashed by Frye is "the ex-King of Holland, Louis Napoleon." We doubt if many persons ever shared the opinion that the husband of Hortense was "a most excellent and amiable man," though Frye adds, "Everybody agrees in speaking of him with eulogy." This was in Rome, and it was at Rome the fashion to praise every one who had the support of Madame Mère.

The appearance of two books on Herculaneum leads us to name Frye's anticipation of the probable effect of further excavation on the town of Resina, which puts the case as it is now stated by Prof. Waldstein. M. Salomon Reinach has, however, to point out in notes to the account of the Neapolitan collections that Frye describes as "Found at Pompeii" treasures due to the excavation of Herculaneum and other sites.

We thank M. Salomon Reinach for presenting to the world a diary which gains high interest by his notes.

Mrs. F. E. Penny has already established a reputation for an unusual insight into the characters and ways of Southern Indians, as well as for graphic description; both will be found in her latest book, On the Coromandel Coast (Smith, Elder & Co.), unimpaired, though perhaps restricted, in so far as its contents are based on facts rather than on imagination. For them she seems to be indebted to many curious old records; to books on India from 'The Diary and Consultation Booke of the Agent Governour and Councell' to 'Forty-One Years in India' by Lord Roberts, or even more recent works; and finally to her own powers of observation, which are keen, correct, so far as we can judge, and date from 1877.

In that year of famine she and her husband, who was for a time joint chaplain of St. George's Cathedral in Madras, arrived in India. The Cathedral is stated to be one of the most beautiful buildings in that country, and an interesting description of its history is given in chap. iii. The congregation as the author knew them, or

perhaps, more accurately, the better-known residents of Madras, are mentioned; among them D. F. Carmichael, Sir W. Robinson, L. C. Innes, H. E. Sullivan, Sir Leslie Probyn, &c.; whilst the following short description of a very able, if somewhat eccentric officer will be recognized by all who knew him:—

"Major Conway Gordon stands out a clear, distinct figure in the past—a tall, spare, soldierly man, afterwards head of the railway department at Simla. He was a keen fisherman, and learned to manage the Muckwa's [fisher-folk] log-boat, sitting astride with his feet in the water like a native. Reports said that he wore black stockings on these expeditions to escape the notice of the sharks. A native is seldom molested by a shark, but the white skin of the European is as attractive as the bit of white cloth with which the fishermen bait their hooks when fishing for sharks. For this reason sea-bathing is not safe for Englishmen beyond the breakers."

There is much in the book about Trichinopoly, "the city of the three-headed Rákshasa," the missionary Schwartz, and Pohle, who succeeded him. The entries in the mission books are strange; sometimes they are a mixture of German, Latin, and English. One may be quoted:—

"(1790) John, lawful child of John Ross, bandmaster of the 36th Regiment, and of Mary. The child is about two years old, and has been badly and insufficiently baptized by a drunk officer at Wallajabad."

Of Trichinopoly it is further recorded that Charles Darke, an inhabitant during the last quarter of the eighteenth century, was grandfather of Sir Robert Peel's wife, Julia Floyd. Here, too, died Bishop Heber in his bath, after preaching in the open air, exposed to the sun, to a vast multitude which had assembled to hear him.

There are some snake stories and some rather doubtful natural history of those reptiles as believed by natives. They hold that snakes have caste, and observe its distinctions as rigidly as men: "The cobra and the bis-cobra, the most dangerous of the hamadryads, are of the Brahmin caste." There follows a story of the bis-cobra, with corkscrew coils, pursuing a man "at a pace that needs a good sprinter to keep his distance." Alas! the bis-cobra, if not entirely mythical, is, in the Punjab at any rate, a lizard, probably harmless, and progresses on its feet much as any other lizard does. The name, Yule states in his 'Glossary,' has to do neither with bis in the sense of twice, nor cobra in that of snake.

TRANSLATIONS.

Mr. Eveleigh Nash publishes under the title The Life of an Empress a translation of M. Frédéric Loliée's volume from the hand of Mr. Bryan O'Donnell. We have expressed, in noticing several books on living ladies, the dislike generally entertained in this country of "indiscretions." At the same time, there are many sides on which the Empress Eugénie belongs to history, and so far as the account of her policy and those about her up to 1871 forms the subject of the book, we feel it necessary to make some allusion to it. The claim to original information that the French author makes in his preface must be viewed with a critical eye. We are told that important facts were "obtained from Émile Ollivier himself, from his own lips." viewing many of the thirteen volumes of the work (now nearly complete) by that Prime Minister of the Empire, we have shown that when he began to write M. Ollivier did not know all the facts which were essential to the story, however well his eleventh and twelfth volumes prove him to know them now.

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That most interesting personage Monsignor Bauer is vouched to us as the au-thority for all that is new in M. Loliée's book. When the Paris correspondent of book. When the Paris correspondent of The Times recently based a review of the Austro-Turkish situation on a series of articles by an ex-Foreign Minister of France, we found, from examination of the pages of La Revue des Deux Mondes, that the freshest passages came from the 'Mémoires Inédites' of Count P. Schouvaloff. For communication of these thanks were offered to M. Raffalovich-a Russian Privy Councillor, we believe, representing in Paris the finance and commerce of that empire. It would have been more satisfactory if we could have been told more about the secret account of the Congress of Berlin by the Russian second plenipotentiary, who fell into disgrace, while his brother flourished. We assume that it is the famous Ambassador in London ("l'homme tout puissant") who is meant, although there were two other Counts P. Schouvaloff in the Russian service at the time, one of whom played some part in relation to the same question. quotation of secret memoirs, of which the originals are concealed, is most unsatisfactory; and many cases come to mind in which this machinery has been used without scruple to propound false statements, while in other instances—such as those of the memoirs of Louis XVIII. and of Fouché, Duc d'Otrante-doubt has never been removed. In the Schouvaloff case the quotations do not fail to represent the statements of that somewhat untruthful man, but we are not convinced in the case of Bauer, and we know by the controversy over the recent publication of the terrible story of Madame Sacher-Masoch that Bauer was related to, and constantly saw, a disreputable gang of the worst type of spies and adventurers. Thus it is that in regard to the constant reliance of M. Loliée, on "the unpublished and interesting testimony of the late chaplain of the Empress, Bernard Bauer, "We can only inculcate caution. The translator of the preface uses the misleading phrase "the Abbé Bauer, formerly dubbed 'Monsignor.'" On one of the two previous occasions when The Athenœum referred to historic doubts concerning the part played by Bauer, we asked whether it is certain that the ex-White-Barefoot friar was in priest's orders. That he was recognized by the Vatican as "Monsignore Bauer" there can be no doubt. M. Claretie, however, shows Bauer serving as a private in the National Guard immediately after the Revolution of the 4th of September, and referring to the Empress, and the Church, in the language of an anarchic atheist. We have not been able to find a trace of the manner in which, if a priest, Bauer ceased to be one. M. Loliée quotes "from the unpublished Memoirs of the Abbé" many important passages. But their value depends upon several factors, of which truthfulness is the chief and the most doubtful. The author supports the authority of these "proofs" by reference to the undoubted respectability of Bauer's brother at Madrid. He makes, however, some assertions which undoubtedly go too far. It is here revealed that one of the characters in 'Le Sceptre,' by M. Abel Hermant, is in some degree this Bauer. Writing of the Empress of Austria, M. Loliée says: "Four or five times the wandering sovereign and the priest, who had voluntarily left the bosom of the Church, had" held "conversations"—singularly like those in the famous novel in which the Empress-Queen figures in her own person. The political revelations, if we could assume that there was any truth in them, made

anonymously on the authority of Bauer, are of more moment than talks about Heine with another empress. We note an account of the conversation of Napoleon III. at Chislehurst, and a quotation of a "manuscript" in which he expressed his frank opinion of the behaviour, between Mars la Tour and Sedan, of the Empress-Regent, his wife, and her advisers. The opinion is that of history. Almost equal importance is attached by the author to the words of Beust at a later date in Paris. The defeated Austrian rival of Bismarck used, indeed, to say such things, but they are not of any value.

Among the illustrations of the volume there is a portrait of the Empress Eugénie that is extremely curious and not well known. It will be found opposite to p. 36. A great many mistakes are to be noted; and about many other passages there is much to be said by way of doubt. In the preface to a conversation held in Paris between Queen Augusta of Prussia and 'Arles-Dufour' [sic], the latter is described as "a humanitarian philosopher." He is better remembered as one who, having been in early life a disciple of Enfantin and an inmate of the St. Simonien home before the State trial, became a manufacturer, President of the Council-General of the Rhone, and the best judge of claret in France, but had modified his early views into dogmatic atheism. Persigny is called "Fialande Persigny," and by other equally inaccurate renderings of a name familiar to Kinglake's readers—such as "Flain de Perseying." The family name of the Empress Josephine appears as "la Pageni." The Peace of Amiens becomes Pageni." "the taking of Amiens by the first Napoleon." A literary journal can hardly refrain leon." A literary journal can hardly refrain from picking out "Baumarchais" among the blunders. Marshal "Harvaez" figures in a quotation with regard to the future of the "house of Bragnanza." In the title "Masséna, Duke of Bassano," two great persons are rolled into one; and Villeneuve-Bargemont is also among the disfigured.

The Bernstorff Papers, containing memoirs of the life of the Prussian Ambassador at the Court of St. James during the awkward periods of the Crimean, Italian, Danish, and Austrian wars, have been translated from the text of Dr. Karl Ringhoffer by Mrs. C. E. Barrett-Lennard and M. W Hoper, and are published in two volumes by Messrs. Longman. The letters and memoranda are too courtly and too Prussian in tone to possess great interest for ourselves, but here and there passages are to be noted which, though sometimes indiscreet, are valuable. We confess to a dislike for the treatment of living personages in the fashion in which the Empress Eugénie is dealt with. On that lady's political and historical part it is right that the public should be informed; but there is sometimes in this book a trace of personalities best avoided, and there is a want of reticence to be justified only if the Empress Eugénie has given leave for the use made of her most confidential letters. It would have been better, we think, to state the action taken by the ex-Regent during the siege of Metz, but not-without leave—to print the letters here set forth. They contain a painful picture of mental distress, and they compromise many others; while Lord Cowley's letter, in which our former Ambassador in Paris apparently protested against the use which had been made of his London house for the meeting between the "Comtesse de Pierrefonds" and the Prussian Ambassador, is only partly quoted. The reader is reminded of the meeting between Lord Carnarvon and Parnell, known to Irish history as "the

interview in the empty house." Bernstoff's son explains that "of course the interview had to be kept very secret. My father drove there in a cab." There follow details best omitted. The intermediaries were Clement Duvernois, of unfortunate memory, and Persigny. General Boyer also saw Count Bernstorff at Prussia House, about to become the German Embassy. The Empress wrote to Bismarck that she was ready to give full powers to make peace to Bazaine and to create him "Lieutenant-General of the Empire." She appealed to King William at Versailles, and the writers of this volume add: "At the same time as the pronunciamento was issued in Paris, a rising was to be effected." The King of Prussia's reply is given, and it contains a reproach which ends with this sentence:—

"Personne plus que moi ne déplore le sang versé dans cette guerre, qui V.M. le sait bien n'a pas été provoquée par moi."

Little came out during the cross-examination of Bazaine and others by the Duc d'Aumale, as President of the Court Martial, as to the previous attempt of the ex-Regent to make a personal peace. In the same letter of October 26th, 1870, King William writes:—

"Lorsque à Ferrières des négociations parurent être entamées au nom de V.M., on leur a fait un accueil empressé, et toutes les facilités furent accordées au Maréchal Bazaine pour se mettre en relation avec V.M., et quand le Général Boyer vint ici, il était possible encore d'arriver à un arrangement."

There is little in the volume which is new, except that to which we have already referred and the constant snarling between the Courts. Bernstorff protests against the views, now of the Prince Consort, now of Queen Victoria, now of Clarendon, Palmerston, Russell—that all these "rested on utterly incorrect information and vague reports which were circulated, without investigation, by exalted personages." As he puts it in another passage, by the impression—unfortunately mistaken—created in 1869 as to Belgium, "confidence between Prussia and England" had been restored:—

"Much mistrust has been got rid of, and things between the countries have assumed a more peaceful.....character. This would be still stronger were it not for the influence of the irreconcilable elements in highest quarters."

Some light is thrown by Bernstorff on the relations of Cabinet and Court recently argued on the appearance of the Panmure volumes. Writing to the King of Prussia in 1864, the Ambassador states that "Lord Palmerston would be able to obtain a majority in the Cabinet for war, were it not that the sympathies of the Queen raise an insurmountable barrier." Bernstorff discussed the future of Anglo-German relations with Palmerston on the basis of an assurance that "the two German Great Powers"— Austria and Prussia-were united. Palmerston ironically asked me how long the alliance would last." "I replied that there was no reason to doubt the continuation of an alliance which was for our joint interest." interest." Bernstorff was not trusted by Bismarck, and was not aware of the intention of Prussia to drive Austria out of Germany by force of arms. To Prussian policy he was useful during the Danish war, and was able to report later that " the Queen fortunately stands true to her convictions against all this agitation." On a former occasion Bernstorff had failed to gain even royal sympathy. The King of Prussia was over-lord of the little State of Neuchâtel. Indeed, at a far later period than that when his "rights" were supposed to have been taken from him the republican courts of the canton still administered justice in his name. It is known that Prussia contemplated war

with the Helvetic Confederation, and found no friends; while Moltke explained that in a military sense, although the thing could be done, it would be a very difficult job. The King of Prussia's letters to Queen Victoria are here printed. He wrote throughout as though the population of the canton were unanimously on his side, the fact being that the watchmaking democracy of the mountains had never looked on the Hohenzollerns as their friends, and had become irritated against the seigneurs nearer to the lake, who mostly favoured the Prussian view. Yet the King wrote to the Queen of England:—

"Your Majesty is aware of the fresh misfortune which God has permitted to come upon my downtrodden Neuchâtel. For eight years I have succeeded, though with difficulty, in preventing the revolt of these ill-used people.....Most Gracious Queen, I place the weal and woe of this little

country in your hands

Alluding to Geneva, he continued: "In those circles the godless destroyers of the old, free State, literally seek and find their abettors." In his next letter: "I...as a relation of the royal lady, beg as only a man can beg." Not only did Queen Victoria fail to censure her unconvinced Ministers, but she further vexed the Prussians by criticizing the clothes of their royal family and "the style" in which one of their princes "wears his hair." Bernstorff adds, "The Prince does not like such remarks, one saw distinctly," but admits that "he did not look so well in plain clothes as in uniform, as is, indeed, often the case with German princes."

When it comes to the relations of France and Germany before the war of 1870, Bernstorff gives away the German case in the following words: "Bismarck is glad to cite Benedetti's impertinence, so as not to realize the hopes which he had raised." But he was not trusted with the full secret of the earlier Hohenzollern candidature. As early as 1866 he expected Louis Napoleon not to remain for many years upon the throne: "I should not like to guarantee his life for long.... He is horribly run down."

Bernstorff's first volume contains a little interesting gossip about those "peculiar-looking creatures" who made up "Louis Napoleon's family...too impossible for anything." There is cited a remark of Comte de Flahaut, who expressed his dissatisfaction at the promotion of "Saint-Arnauld" and Magnan: "Pour une chose des rues on ne fait pas des maréchaux." In 1852, before the marriage, Countess Bernstorff describes the Countess Eugénie Montijo in most uncomplimentary fashion, a reference which would have been better omitted, as it concerns mere personal appearance. A State reception of 1855 is called

"theatrical. It reminded me exactly of the circus.....The screaming colours and the unregal bearing of the couple were very suggestive of the entry of a king and queen on the stage."

There is a good deal of odd or clumsy English in the book, which is due probably to translation; for example, Lady Derby explains that her husband, when sent for in 1858, "said that he did not have a majority in Parliament." Among minor errors Lord Malmesbury is said to have "accepted the Great Seal."

The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi. Translated by T. W. Arnold. (Chatto & Windus.)—No one could wish for a better edition, or a more finely illustrated one of the 'Fioretti' than this latest volume of "The Arts and Letters Library." The translation by Prof. Arnold is slightly altered from that commented on by us on its first appearance in 1898, and augmented

by five new chapters and St. Francis's farewell to the Mount of Alvernia. The translator still feels himself at liberty to edit St. Francis's visiting list for him, and to guard the morals of his readers, for which attention we are not in the least grateful in this connexion. Dr. Biagi has written a prefatory note, in which he makes some sensible remarks on the modern scholars who are so ready to scent plagiary in mediæval writers. We must take exception to his remarks on M. Sabatier, which greatly underestimate the services he rendered to an understanding of the saint's life by the publication of his epoch-making We do not think it possible for any one who can place himself at the point of view prevalent before its appearance to agree that M. Sabatier made the life of St. Francis "neither more lifelike nor more inspiring." The publishers have been fortunate enough to find a number of Franciscan illustrations not yet familiar to every one interested in the subject. The early fifteenth-century panel in San Damiano, admirably reproduced in coloured collotype as a frontispiece to the larger edition, seems to be uncatalogued. The illustrations from the Laurentian MS. at Florence deserve all the praise Dr. Biagi lavishes on them, but we do not agree with him as to their date. Such drawings are not uncommon in later French and Flemish MSS. The work is issued in two forms, the larger having a number of extra coloured illustrations and a binding imitated from an old Venetian example by Aldus. We can recommend it to any one in search of a first-class edition of this classic of religious literature.

It is to be hoped that no simple-minded parents will be beguiled by the seductively innocent exterior of My Little Boy, by Carl Ewald, translated by A. T. de Mattos (Methuen & Co.), into fancying that they have lit upon a pretty tale for the nursery. The book is not for children, but for adults -especially, we presume, for parents, actual or prospective, and we commend it to such of them as are conscious of a certain responsibility in the upbringing of their offspring, and are not content to follow the conventional routine. We cannot promise that all the views of the unorthodox father of 'My Little Boy" will meet with their approval, for they represent a somewhat Nietzschean outlook upon life; but there is certainly much that is suggestive in them, and they may well prove more instructive than some elaborate treatises on education. Apart from its didactic implications, which are never in the least obtrusive, the little book is a delightful piece of literary art, rich in charm, humour, and individuality. The Danish author should find many English admirers, the more so as the translator has performed his part with singular skill.

The Legend of the Holy Fina, Virgin of Santo Gimignano. Translated, with Introduction and Notes, by M. Mansfield. (Chatto & Windus.)—It seems at first sight impossible to make much of the history of a little girl who was struck down by paralysis at the age of ten, and lay for the next five years on an oaken plank, devoured by vermin, till she died. Yet this is the whole story of Santa Fina de' Ciardi as told by Fra Giovanni of Santo Gimignano within half a century of her death, and to the reader who cannot see and feel how the charm of the simple and great-hearted womanhood of the girl, in every respect the opposite of the sentiments and aspirations of the cruel, self-seeking love of the rich, full life of her townsmen, exerted on them a force immeasurably increased by the completeness of its difference, any understanding of

mediæval Italy is impossible. Miss Mansfield has given us a charming translation of the chronicle of the saint, and her introduction is adequate and graceful. Where she fails is in not seeing and saying how completely and fundamentally wrong is an ideal of sanctity based on ignorance of physiology and psychology. Looked at from any other point of view than as a document in the history of the Middle Ages, the story, when nakedly told, is simply revolting, and it is the duty of an intelligent writer to say so. Like the other works in "The New Mediæval Library," the book is fully illustrated — amongst the most striking features being photogravures of frescoes by Lippo Memmi, Ghirlandajo and Benozzo Gozzoli.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Works. By William E. Henley. Vols. V., VI., and VII. (Nutt.)-These are the concluding volumes of the collected edition of Henley's works, and comprise and Reviews,' published in 1890; the continuation devoted to art, published twelve years later; and the plays written in collaboration with R. L. Stevenson. Henley himself described his 'Views and Reviews' as "a mosaic of scraps and shreds recovered from the shot rubbish of some fourteen years of journalism"-a description which no one else would care to have given or think now of giving. The fault that has always appeared in these scraps and shreds is precisely that they are what they are-detached paragraphs, tit-bits, illuminating enough as a rule, but still morsels; fractions disengaged from the middle of reviews and their contexts. Nothing that Henley wrote, even anonymously, by way of journalism was lacking in his distinctive marks; yet the material of this volume, as of vol. vi., was undoubtedly subjected to severe revision. "The Disraeli," for instance, "has been pieced together from London, Vanity Fair, and The Athenœum." It is difficult to see how this system can make for unity and completeness; the essays, however, have invariably the qualities of briskness and vitality, and as often as not challenge the reader defiantly. The sixth volume, devoted to appreciations in art, is even more characterized by the confessed scrappiness of the earlier volume. It contains the interesting and brilliant note on Romanticism, and thereafter certain compendious summaries of the romantic school of painters, done with that individual dash that later characterized 'London Types.' Henley's appreciations cover a wide field, and come down to the moderns Rodin and Keene. last paper is a whole-hearted panegyric of R. A. M. Stevenson, to whom Henley's own taste and instruction in art were largely due. Of the four plays in the last volume, three have been staged with varying results. It is probable that their success would have been something more than academic if the collaborators had not clung tenaciously to the outworn and hampering conventions of the Restoration dramatists. The three volumes are not in any way annotated, and have no editorial introduc-

Turkey and the Turks. By W. S. Monroe. (Bell & Sons.)—This well-illustrated book makes no claim to originality. The author confesses to a "brief sojourn in Turkey," and apparently agrees with the Scots philosopher who held that "if one wishes to give a strong and emphatic description of a country he must not linger long enough to be annoyed with contradictions." The writing is emphatic enough, but the facts are taken from other books, just tinctured

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by the author's slight personal experiences, and prepared for American lecture-halls. Turkey and the Turkish Question form rather a big subject to be summarized in three hundred pages, of which one-third is taken up by the description of Constantinople, the oft-described and yet indescribable. The book is not badly put together, and at the present moment, when the Ottoman Empire is much before the eye of the world, it may be of use in giving fairly accurate ideas about the inhabitants and government, and bits of the history, of the debatable land. It was written last year, and so, of course, contains no account of the latest events in Turkey; but it may serve as a tolerable introduction to the subject.

Some phases of Turkish development are wholly ignored. For instance, it is asserted that "Turkish history is entirely military," and no account is taken of the unbroken stream of Ottoman literature, or of the remarkable literary revolution effected by Young Turkey, whence came the direct inspiration of the recent political reform. The outline of the last thirty years, since the Treaty of Berlin, is sketchy indeed, and the chief points made by Mr. Monroe and the chief points made by Mr. Monroe are that England's action at the time of the treaty was "altogether dishonourable," and that her policy ever since has been "criminal selfishness." None of the Powers has much reason to plume itself on its diplomacy in regard to Turkey since the Berlin Treaty, but we do not see that England was any more selfish than the rest: she was merely so disinterested that she declined to pull other folk's chestnuts out of the fire. It may not have been an heroic policy, but a more vigorous interference might have produced an exhibition of international selfishness which would have been very unedifying to our righteous American critic.

We may note a few of the odd mistakes which disfigure the book. We should much like to have chapter and verse for the statement that the "Koran forbids" the Caliph to "quit the Ottoman dominion." Mohammed was indeed a prophet if he laid down any such rule about a dominion which did not come into existence till seven centuries after his death. Mr. Monroe is rather shaky about the Prophet: he puts the Hijra at 631, instead of 622; and Mohammed's death at 641, instead of 632. We hope his other dates are not equally inaccurate. "Mr. Ramsay," repeatedly quoted, is Sir W. M. Ramsay. The Sultan's "private mosque of Mamidieh Jam" reminds one of a fruit factory; and the Sultan himself is described as "stupid" on p. 48 and "astute" a few pages later, and credited with "low cunning" further on. Whatever may be the Padishah's faults, stupidity is not among them. faults, stupidity is not among them, as he has shown, not only long ago, but signally in his judicious conduct of affairs during the amazing events of the last five months.

TWENTY-EIGHT years have elapsed since we noticed Vernon Lee's Studies of the Eighteenth Century in Italy (Athen., June 12th, 1880), of which Mr. Fisher Unwin has lately issued a new edition. The author tells us, in a 'Retrospective Chapter' added to the original volume, that she has refused to revise or even re-read her youthful work. We, comparing the later preface with the earlier essays, cannot resist the conclusion that our author wrote a good deal better

of the "forsaken position of contralto voices," or been guilty of so slipshod an ex-pression as "virtuosas." As regards the matter of her work, she is still, despite formal matter of her work, she is still, despite formal confession and regret, impenitently on the side of the eighteenth-century Italian composers as against Bach. Only Bach has survived, an immortal figure; while their immortality has been merged in that of the men they helped to make: Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. Exactly so: the survival of the one, the absorption of the others are due to the profound difference. others, are due to the profound difference in their artistic quality. Vernon Lee, how-ever, exaggerates the semi-oblivion that has overtaken Scarlatti, who is better known both to musicians and musical amateurs than she will allow. Surely it is time that the old joke about "continued absence of melody" in Wagner's 'Ring' should receive decent burial.

Books on the practice of British taxation which rigidly exclude theory are not subjects for a literary journal, but we note the appearance of *The King's Revenue*, by Mr. W. M. J. Williams (King & Son). It continued to the least the lea tains, in clear type and pleasantly legible form, an account of all the existing taxes of the United Kingdom, with a brief history of each tax and statement of the amount raised by it in recent times. There are also chapters on the portions of the revenue connected with the old Royal properties, which are not taxes in the strict sense of the word.

The effective illustrations of the brothers Maurice and Edward Detmold to Mr. Kipling's Jungle Book are well known, and as Messrs. Macmillan have given the volume excellent type and paper, and it is to be had at a moderate price, it is likely to engage many eyes, old and young, this season. The two artists show a strong sense of the picturesque.—The same firm publish a charming little edition of Alice in Wonderland of a size fit for the pocket, which, however, allows of the reproduction of Sir John Tenniel's illustrations without any diminution of their size and clearness. To praise this book (followed longo intervallo by a whole tribe of imitators) is needless. The same may be said of Thackeray's The Rose and the Ring, published also by Messrs. Macmillan in the same size and style. Here, however, Thackeray's illustrations lose distinctly by being reduced to fit the small page.

THE "Pocket Edition" of the Works of M. Maeterlinck (George Allen) is admirable in its type, binding, and general appearance, and certain of a wide sale. Five volumes are already out, two being devoted to plays.

In the series of "English Idylls" (Dent) Mr. C. E. Brock has provided coloured illus trations for Mansfield Park, Sense and Sensibility, and Pride and Prejudice. books are attractive in every way, and the illustrations are dainty and graceful.

The President of Regent's Park College, the Rev. George P. Gould, has completed a Catalogue of the Books, Pamphlets, and Manuscripts in the Angus Library, and it is now published at the Kingsgate Press. Dr. Angus devoted much time and care to collecting books and documents relating to the history of the Baptists and the controversies in which they have been conspicuously engaged; but although this purpose has given to the library its distinctive character, it has not excluded volumes the interest of which is neither historical nor controversial, especially when rif, as she hints, more ignorantly—eightand-twenty years ago. Her style, which
even then inclined to exuberance, has of
late years altogether burst the bonds. In
1880 Vernon Lee would hardly have written

shows, and, as a gift by him to the College with which he was so long and usefully associated, it will be a fitting memorial to him. Mr. Gould has increased its value many fold by this descriptive Catalogue, which must have cost him much time and care. The work is beautifully printed, and makes a handsome quarto of 350 pages. We should have liked to see a portrait of the founder of the Angus Library facing the title.

LORD GLENESK.

WE much regret to hear of the death of Lord Glenesk on Tuesday last in his seventy-eighth year. The son of Peter Borth-wick, who was M.P. for Evesham and a man of striking ability, Mr. Algernon Borth-wick came of good old Ayrshire stock. He was educated at King's College School, and when barely twenty was appointed Paris correspondent of *The Morning Post*, the paper with which he was associated for over half a century as manager or over half a century as manager or parameter. Retween 1850 and 1852 be had proprietor. Between 1850 and 1852 he had his chance, and made his mark in Paris, whence he returned to England in his father's absence through ill-health, and took sole charge of *The Morning Post*, then not in a flourishing condition. He changed the falling fortunes of the paper, and worked with such success that on his father's death he was selected to take his place permanently. His career was henceforth not free from difficulties, but one of continual success, due largely to his sound judgment and assiduous care of detail. Many of his friends assured him that the reduction of the price of his paper from threepence to a penny in 1881 would lead to ruin, but his foresight was fully justified by a large increase in its circulation, and a strengthening of its power and position. He was knighted in 1880; became a baronet in 1887, and Baron Glenesk in 1895, after ten years of service as M.P. for South Ken-

When he felt that he had earned a rest from his long and arduous labours, his son Oliver took his place in the control of the paper, and the loss of this son in 1905, at the early age of thirty-two, and full of promise, was a great grief to him. But in spite of this blow and his own indifferent health, he resumed his work, and it seems certain that his life was shortened by his keen interest in his paper. The Morning Post is, perhaps, best known to the ordinary reader as the journal of the fashionable world; but the close student of journalism will value, besides the ability of its critics and correspondents, the steadfastness of its views, and the pains taken to keep to truth and decency—qualities which are apt to be obscured in the popular appeals of the press of to-day. Lord Glenesk took a great pride in English journalism; he was a most generous supporter of all movements to better the condition and credit of workers for the press. The Newspaper Press Fund, the Institute of Journalists, the Newsvendors' Benevolent Institution, the Readers' Pensions Committee, and other bodies profited by his active interest.

He was well known in London clubs as an excellent host and a good talker, and, though occasionally somewhat unapproachable and reserved, he was not spoilt by One of the kindest of men, he had success. considerable gifts for satire, as was shown by the part he took in 1864 in founding and editing The Owl, a brilliant medley of social and political satire, which speedily became the talk of the town.

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NOTES FROM PARIS.

On se souvient de la publication récente du 'Récit des premières Années' de la duchesse de Dino. Ces jours-ci, la princesse Radziwill, née Castellane, petite-fille de cette femme célèbre qui occupa la place que l'on sait dans la société européenne du siècle dernier, va faire paraître chez Plon la suite de ces 'Souvenirs.' Sous la forme d'une chronique composée avec des notes recueillies en Angleterre pendant l'ambassade du prince de Talleyrand et des fragments de la correspondance échangée entre la duchesse de Dino et M. Adolphe de Bacourt, elle a réuni tous les évènements importants de 1831 à 1862. Le premier volume embrasse une période particulière-ment intéressante (1831-5): le séjour de la duchesse de Dino et de Talleyrand à Londres, leur retraite, et le récit de leur existence à Valençay pendant l'époque troublée de l'attentat de Fieschi. Le principal attrait de ce récit consiste dans la peinture des dernières années du prince de Talleyrand. Il est à remarquer que les anecdotes piquantes qui relevaient sa conversation ne se rencontrent pas en grand nombre à travers ces souvenirs. La duchesse de Dino regrette elle-même de ne pas les avoir écrits à mesure et de s'être

lée à sa mémoire, qui l'a mal servie.

Les portraits des personnalités de la société anglaise où elle a vécu pendant quatre ans—lord Grey, le duc de Wellington, Madame de Lieven, le prince Esterhazy, lady Holland, la duchesse de Kent, &c.— font revivre le monde diplomatique de son temps. Sans méchanceté, la duchesse relate quelques intrigues des drawing-rooms et les menus incidents de cour qui ont égayé sa vie sur cette terre hospitalière, dont elle s'est éloignée avec regret et reconnaissance. Il est permis de croire que la curiosité qui s'éveillait autour de Talleyrand ne fut pas étrangère au plaisir de son séjour. Elle s'étonne que l'intérêt excité par lui en Angleterre ne parvienne pas à s'user :-

"En descendant de voiture l'autre jour à Kensington," dit-elle, "nous avons vu des femmes soulevées dans les bras de leurs maris afin qu'elles pussent mieux regarder M. de Talleyrand. Son portrait par Scheffer est maintenant chez le marchand de gravures Colnaghi pour être gravé; il y attire beaucoup de curieux; les boutiques devant lesquelles s'arrète la voiture de M. de Talleyrand sont aussitôt entourées de monde. A propos de son portrait, il est placé chez Colnaghi à côté de celui de M. Pitt. Un des curieux qui les examinait tous les deux dit l'autre jour, en montrant celui de M. Pitt: 'Voilà quelqu'un qui a créé de grands évènements; celui-ci (en indiquant M. de Talleyrand) a su les prévoir, les guetter, et en profiter."

Parmi les personnes de son intimité se placent au premier rang le prince et la princesse de Lieven:—

"L'excellent caractère, le bon esprit, les manières parfaites de M. de Lieven lui conciliaient la bienveillance et l'estime générale; et la femme la plus redoutée, la plus comptée, la plus entourée, et la plus soignée est Madame de Lieven. Son importance politique, que beaucoup de mouvement d'esprit et de savoir-faire justifiaient marchait de front avec une autorité incontestée par la société. On se plaignait quelquefois de sa tyrannie, de son humeur exclusive, mais elle maintenait, par cela même, une barrière utile entre la haute et exquise société et celle qui l'était moins. Sa maison était la plus recherchée, celle où l'on attachait le plus de prix à être admis. Le grand air, peut-être même un peu raide, de Madame de Lieven faisait très bien dans

les grandes occasions. Je ne me fais pas une idée d'un drawing-room sans elle."
Grâce aux 'Souvenirs' de Madame de

Dino, la reconstitution du cadre où évoluait Madame de Lieven donne un nouvel intérêt à sa correspondance avec Metternich. Nous venons d'apprendre qu'elle n'est pas complète dans le volume publié le mois dernier. Quelques lettres, parvenues trop tard à M. Jean Hanoteau, vont paraître prochainement à l'Opinion. Elles compléteront la série très intéressante qui nous a été offerte.

Ce séjour de la duchesse de Dino à Londres compte parmi la période la plus brillante de sa vie. Rentrée en France, la maladie Talleyrand assombrit son séjour à de Talleyrand assombrit son sejour a Valençay. Talleyrand, triste et irritable, devient de jour en jour plus difficile à vivre. Comme l'idée de la mort l'impressionne, on cherche à lui cacher l'issue fatale que laisse prévoir la maladie de sa femme. Mais au contraire de ce qu'on en pouvait attendre, il prend cette nouvelle avec satisfaction, car au contentement d'augmenter son revenu se joint "le soulage-ment de voir briser un lien qui a été le plus grand scandale de sa vie, perce qu'il a été le seul irrémédiable."

Le mot est joli, et digne de celui qui l'inspira. Il aurait dû clore ce volume fertile en documents et en anecdotes historiques.

* At the time of the appearance of the early 'Souvenirs' of the Duchesse de Dino, again when her granddaughter's note on Talleyrand's submission to the Church appeared, we referred our readers to the letters published in the memoirs of the Baron de Barante. In these the one Dorothea of the Baltic deals faithfully with the other Dorothea of those shores, much less favourably regarded by the Duchesse de Dino at the time.

ROYAL BOOKS AND THE PUBLISHING SEASON.

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THE following letter may seem, I fear, painfully disloyal and discourteous; but in offering a respectful remonstrance to the King and Queen concerning the publication of a cheap edition of 'The Letters of Queen Victoria' and of 'Queen Alexandra's Christmas Gift Book' during the autumn publishing season, I am writing with complete certainty that their Majesties will only need to glance at the consequences of such an action in order to choose another period of the year for future publications. We may conclude, as every one will certainly hope, that the Queen will repeat next year delightful literary and artistic efforts on behalf of the Unemployed Fund; and it is, of course, certain that several more volumes of 'The Letters of Queen Victoria' will appear in due time.

The two books in question have, however, ruined the present publishing season rather more effectively than a pan-European war could have done. An unusually large number of books have been published, and the proportion of failures has been unprecedented. Men and women who could trust to a sale of 5,000 or 6,000 copies of a novel, equally with authors who can command much larger sales, find that this year the sale of their annual novel has reached a tenth part of the usual figures. Publishers who have advanced sums from 50l. to 1,000l. on royalties are confronted with serious losses; the booksellers who gave large orders for the works of popular writers would cheerfully sell their stock of novels at a shilling a volume; and a publisher's traveller who visits the ordinary bookseller

during the present month to show Christmas books is greeted in a fashion which one of the more gentle-tongued among them

recently described as "abrupt."

The present autumn should have been an ideal publishing season. London has been crowded; home politics have been just interesting enough to make people buy newspapers; the Kaiser's annual outbreak has afforded precisely that amount of entertainment to the world which makes it ask for more; and with the exception of the Bulgarian crisis, which agitated a perceptible number of Englishmen into looking at a map, there has been nothing to disturb the book - buyer's tranquillity, From numerous conversations with publishers and booksellers, who must be allowed to know their business to some extent, and with authors who, when every allowance has been made for mortified vanity, do talk with a certain amount of discrimination about their failures, I am afraid the débâcle must be partly attributed to their Majesties' books. I will not trouble you with many illustrations, but here are a few. In one of the largest bookselling establishments in London the manager told me that he had refused absolutely to stock any more novels after the date of the appearance of the Queen's book. Another manager told me that he would make no pretence this Christmas of selling anything except Her Majesty's gift book. In another the manager said, "At this time of year our customers usually come in and buy 'Whitaker's Almanack' and a story-book; this month it is always 'Whitaker's Almanack' and one of the royal books."
To another large book-store which had managed to obtain some early "Gift Books," a man came in saying, "I always have to get six books for presents at this time of year, and it is the worry of my life to choose them, but, thank Heaven! there will be no difficulty this year"; and he bought six copies of the Queen's book at once. One of the managers of the place looked round. saying anxiously to a shopman, "We must display the 'Gift Book' more. Clear that table' —pointing to a table covered with about six dozen novels and children's books we will give it to the Queen's book.

It is further certain that the trade profit on the sale of the Queen's book is infinitesimal. A prominent person in the trade told me that the dispatch of copies of the Queen's book ordered in advance left him, including packing-paper and time, an absolute loser

on the sale.

Your readers will have seen for themselves how the windows of large bookshops have been given day after day to the cheap edition The Letters of Queen Victoria, to the disadvantage of other work, which must naturally suffer severely from the lack of

display.

It might be discreet to interpose here a paragraph saying that I am perfectly aware that one or two novels and several other books have, in fact, been sold in considerable numbers this year; and that there are others whose authors and publishers would like as a matter of loyalty to assure their Majesties that their novels have suffered nothing from royal competition. Moreover, I can conceive it possible that the cynical reader may see mitigating circumstances in the annihilation of nine-tenths of these English novelists by their royal rivals. I can only trust that the reader in question may never have to write books except as an artistic recreation.

I am venturing, then, to conclude with a humble petition to the King that future instalments of 'The Letters of Queen Victoria' may be published earlier in the

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year, and with a petition to the Queen that her next work may be published very much earlier. Her Majesty can rest well much earlier. Her Majesty can rest well assured that the worst date in the year could not make 5 per cent difference in the sale of any book which it pleased her to offer to the English public. And I am not at all certain that the 5 per cent difference would not be compensated for by a certain diminution in the unemployment which it is her most noble aim to assist. One cannot injure even a moderately large industry like the book-producing trade without farreaching consequences.

EDWARD H. COOPER.

'ÉTUDES RÉVOLUTIONNAIRES.'

In reply to M. J. Guillaume I may observe:
1. Of Chénier's 'Timoléon' Michaud's
'Biographie Universelle' states: "Les 'Biographie Universelle' states: Les applications hardies portèrent ombrage au Comité de Salut publie; la représentation en fut défendue et les copies saisies et brulées: une seule échappa,'' &c. It may well be that the sacrifice took place, however, before the Comité de Sûreté Générale, that subordinate committee which was

that subordinate committee which was concerned chiefly with matters of police.

2. M. Lieby's book is not within my reach. The introductory notice to the 'Théâtre de Chénier' (1818) quotes the debated passage as that which roused the ire of the "tyrannie décemvirale." But even granted that Démariste's tirade was interpolated after Robespierre's fall, I cannot admit that it has no "rapport exact" with the general tenor of the piece. The tragedy abounds with utterances which in May, 1794, must have seemed directly aimed at Robespierre, who, having rid himself in the preceding March and April of Hébertists and Dantonists, was at the self in the preceding March and April of Hébertists and Dantonists, was at the moment virtually dictator: Timophane, though "né républicain," is "vaincu par la soif de régner"; "N'est-on jamais tyran qu'avec un diadème?" asks his mother Démariste. Anticlés, his follower, urges him on: 'Ceux qu'on ne peut séduire, on peut les effrayer": "Tarder est dangereux, reculer impossible"; or, again, uses threats:

Ya, perds des conjurés que ton ceur abandonne, Et si leur imprudence a compté sur ta foi, Punis-les des complots qu'ils ont tramés pour toi ; Mais, quel sera le but de tant de perfidie? Ne crois point acheter ton salut de leur vie. Acte I. sc. i.

Timophane himself confesses he fears le sort en un mot d'un tyran détesté, Obligé de frémir au nom de liberté.

Timoléon entreats him :-

Rejette loin de vous ces vils séditieux.... Nés pour la servitude, et façonnés au crime. Le regret de Corinthe, à leur derniers instans Sera d'avoir produit ces indignes enfans!

Démariste, his mother, warns him :-Les poignards manquent-ils pour punir ton audace? Couvert du sang d'un roi, l'échafaud te menace.

A monarch, she says,

dort sous le poignard qui menace sa tête; Il vit dans les tourmens: et quand il a régné Par le mépris public, il meurt accompagné. Acte III. sc. ii.

Such "applications hardies" could not be tolerated. Avoiding the real cause of offence, Jullien, Robespierre's pet spy, seems to have created a spurious agitation on the pretext that "il ne pouvait voir de sang-froid Timophane...recevoir la cou-ronne sans que le peuple s'indignât." But when does Timophane receive the crown? The only scene in which such an ornament appears is in Acte II. sc. vi., three lines after Démariste's tirade, and is as follows:—

Ortagoras découvrant un diadème caché parmi les conjurés. Citoyens ! quel objet vient offenser mes yeux? Voyez-vous ce bandasu, marque du rang suprème ? Connaissez vos tyrans. Le Chaeur. O crime un diadème!

A general outburst of indignation follows. Acte III. shows the death of Timophane by the hand of Ortagoras, and in accordance with a signal from Timoléon, for

les rois ne sont point protégés par la loi, Et, magistrat de nom, Timophane était roi. Acte III. sc. vil.

3. In attributing to Dom Poirier the 'Notes sur les exhumations de Saint-Denis par un religieux de cette abbaye, témoin oculaire de ces exhumations en 1793,' I followed Baron de Guilhermy, who in his valuable 'Monographe de l'Église royale de Saint-Denis' devotes 30 pages to the publication of the document in its entirety. publication of the document in its entirety. Dr. Max Billard, however, in his 'Tombeaux des Rois,' assigns what is evidently the same work to Dom Druon, and entitles it 'Journal historique de l'extraction des cercueils royaux dans l'Eglise de Saint-Denis fait par le citoyen Druon, ci-devant bénédictin." It bears, we are told, the note: "J'ai trouvé et pris ce journal chez me ci-devant révolutionnaire le 3 janyier. un ci-devant révolutionnaire le 3 janvier, 1804." In the Archives Nationales, in the same packet with this 'Journal,' are, says Dr. Billard, three other MSS.: first, one by Dom Laforcade, which, apart from a few additions, closely resembles that of Dom Druon; secondly, an almost verbatim copy of Dom Druon's paper, but enriched with certain details, and endorsed 'Le Journal de Tinthouin,' &c.; thirdly,

"un manuscrit donnant le détail des destructions "un manuscrit donnant le détail des destructions du mois d'août, et à la suite, la relation littérale de Dom Druon portant cette mention sur la couverture: 'ce manuscrit a été confié à mon fils par M. l'abbé de Verneuil, curé de Saint-Denis, le 6 janvier, 1817.' Il a été relaté en entier par Chateaubriand dans ses notes du 'Génie du Christianisme.'"—'Les Tombeaux des Rois,' pp. 20 and 21, note 22.

pp. 20 and 21, note 22.

M. Guillaume's phrase "une relation publiée par Chateaubriand dans une note du 'Génie du Christianisme,' et rédigée, dit il, 'par un religieux de l'abbaye,' " &c., seems almost an attack on the veracity of the record. I admit that experts are divided record. I admit that experts are divided as to its authorship; but if M. Guillaume considers that the document originated in Chateaubriand's imagination, I must dissent. How ineffectual were the efforts of the Commission des Monuments can be seen in the report of one of their officials ('Alex. Lenoir, son Journal,' par Courajod, vol. i. pp. lxxxvii, xci). Your Reviewer.

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Literary Gossip.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS has the third and concluding volume of Prof. Hume Brown's 'History of Scotland, covering the period from the Revolution of 1689 to the Disruption of 1843, in the press; but it will probably not be published until next Easter.

THE forthcoming number of The Classical Review, which completes Vol. XXIII., will contain a careful survey of the evidence respecting the connexion of Ægean civilization with Central Europe; also an article by Prof. Harry on Agrippa's response to Paul, and a long review by Dr. Verrall of Prof. Tucker's recently published edition of 'The Seven against

Two more volumes in "Makers of National History" are forthcoming from Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons. 'Archbishop Parker,' by Mr. W. M. Kennedy, is the result of personal investigations among the records. 'Viscount Castlereagh' is by Mr. Arthur Hassall, who ranks the subject of the memoir high among statesmen and patriots.

CLASSICAL scholars will learn with interest that the late Dr. Walter Head-lam's edition of the 'Agamemnon' of Æschylus has been found to be in a much more advanced state than was expected, and arrangements are in progress with a view to its publication. As early as 1892 the young scholar crossed swords with Dr. Verrall on the editing of the Greek dramatist.

It is proposed to publish a memoir of Dr. Headlam, which will be written by Mr. Cecil Headlam, the late scholar's youngest brother. With a view to making it complete, any friends of Dr. Headlam who have letters or impressions which they would care to communicate are invited to send them to Mr. Cecil Headlam, Esthwaite Mount, Hawkshead, near Ambleside, who will be pleased to return them after use.

MESSRS. GEORGE ALLEN & SONS will publish at the end of next week Mr. W. G. Towler's book on 'Socialism in Local Government,' dealing comprehensively with the whole subject; a novel by Mr. A. Lloyd Maunsell called 'The Apostate,' a study of two divergent types, the apostasy being against both religion and art; and a new volume of verse by the Rev. Walter Earle, entitled 'Thoughts by the Way,' with eight illustrations.

M. Jusserand will reply to Prof. Manly's theory of the multiple authorship of 'Piers Plowman' in the January number of *Modern Philology*, Chicago, which Prof. Manly edits. Further, at the meeting of the Philological Society on Friday next the subject will be dis-

THE EARLY ENGLISH TEXT SOCIETY has ready for issue to its members four texts for this year. In the Original published in 1892, and for some time out tion to Juvenile Literature.

Series, Part II. of Dr. F. Brie's edition of The Brut, or the Chronicles of England,' with a print of the Roll of Battle Abbey from two fifteenth-century MSS. which contains the name Chaucer. 2. The second part of 'The Coventry Leet Book,' edited by Miss M. Dormer Harris, with many interesting details of the city's life and its share in the York and Lancaster wars. 3. An extra issue, an offprint of Prof. Manly's chapter on 'The Vision of Piers the Plowman and its Sequence' which is referred to above, and which figures in vol. ii. of 'The Cambridge History of English Literature,' with Foreword by Dr. Furnivall, and reprints of Prof.
Manly's article on 'The Lost Leaf of
"Piers the Plowman" in Modern Philology, January, 1906, and Dr. H. Bradley's letter on the subject which appeared in The Athenœum of April 21st, 1906. 4. In the Extra Series, Part II. of Lydgate's 'Troy Book,' containing Book III., edited by Dr. H. Bergen of Harvard.

Prof. Brown of Chicago is editing Elkanah Settle's works. He finds that Settle was the author of an anonymous fairy opera published in 1692, and of three unprinted MS. poems in the British Museum.

The death occurred in London on the 19th inst. of the Venerable Anthony Storer Aglen, Archdeacon of the Diocese of St. Andrews. Born in 1836, he was educated at Marlborough and University College, Oxford; he was Newdigate Prizeman in 1859, and an assistant master at his old school from 1860 to 1865. Among his writings were 'The Odes and Carmen Seculare in English Verse,' 'Eschatology' in the new edition of 'The Encyclopædia Britannica,' and many contributions to Cassell's 'Bible Educator' and Ellicott's 'Old Testament Com-

Mr. F. C. Selous will read a paper on 'Big Game in South Africa' at a dinner of the African Society, to be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Wednesday, December 9th. The lecture (illustrated by lantern-slides) will deal particularly with the tsetse-fly and its relation to game. The chair will be taken by Sir Godfrey Lagden.

THE MILTON MEMORIAL LECTURES organized by the Royal Society of Literature have hitherto been given in the Society's library, but there have been so many applications for tickets for the fourth lecture, on the conception and treatment of Satan in 'Paradise Lost' and the 'Inferno,' by Mr. E. H. Pember, K.C., that a larger room has been engaged. The meeting will therefore be held in the hall of the Zoological Society, 3, Hanover Square, next Wednesday afternoon. To the details of the Milton Celebration arranged by the British Academy we referred on November 14th.

Mr. John Lane regrets that the new edition of 'The Doomswoman,' originally

of print, was sent out for review without a notification of its being a new edition, owing to the omission by the printer, from the back of the title-page, of a note to that effect. A paragraph was sent out a few days previously, calling attention to the fact that the work was a reprint.

SIR HERBERT THOMPSON has edited the Coptic (Sahidic) version of certain books of the Old Testament, from a papyrus in the British Museum. This papyrus contains parts of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, the Wisdom of Solomon, and Ecclesiasticus, which are now printed in this version for the first time, together with a collation of all other printed Sahidic texts of the same portions of the Old Testament. The volume, which should be of use to Coptic scholars and critics of the Old Testament, will be published by Mr. Henry Frowde

DR. GEORGE EDWARD JELF, Master of the Charterhouse, who died on Thursday last week in his seventy-fifth year, was well known as a writer of German and religious books.

Messrs. Sidgwick & Jackson announce the "Watergate Booklets." The first six, specially prepared for Christmas, include 'Ancient Carols,' 'Popular Carols,' and 'Carols of Nicholas Pourvoyeur,' an eighteenth-century writer.

At the last meeting of the French Académie des Inscriptions M. Léon Dorez announced the interesting discovery of an inventory of a professor of medicine and philosophy of the name of Marcanova, who lived at Padua and Bologna from 1440 to 1467. This professor was the owner of 520 manuscripts, a remarkable number for one collector at that period. The inventory, which is to be published, is full of curious details of his property, ranging from manuscripts down to clothes and cooking materials.

AT the last meeting of the Glasgow Archæological Society Dr. George Neilson read a paper on 'A Fourteenth-Century Poem of Battle,' a Latin poem on Otterburn, written by Thomas of Barry, a canon of Glasgow Cathedral, which was described as of first-class historical as well as literary value.

At the monthly meeting of the directors of the Booksellers' Provident Institution on the 19th inst. subscriptions and donations received since the last meeting were announced as 86l. 2s. 11d.; and 115l. was voted to the relief of members and their widows. On the same day it was reported by the committee in charge that all was in good order at the Booksellers' Provident Retreat.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS of the week include University of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, four Papers (2d. the set); and one named under Fine-Art Gossip.

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SCIENCE

Man and the Universe. By Oliver Lodge. (Methuen & Co.)

THE First Section of this book is headed 'Science and Faith,' and in it Sir Oliver Lodge treats of the supposed antagonism between science and religion; tells us, among other things, that

"orthodox modern science shows us a self-contained and self-sufficient universe.... nothing supernatural or miraculous, no intervention of beings other than ourselves being conceived possible";

and sets himself to find a means of reconciliation between the two. In the course of this exposition he commits himself to the statements that the assumptionput forward, although he does not say so, by Dr. A. R. Wallace-"that in all the infinite universe we denizens of planet Earth are the highest," is grotesque; that "Premonition, Inspiration, Clairvoyance, Telepathy," are "inside the Universe of fact"; that "greed," or "accumulation for accumulation's sake, arose with civilization, and already it is felt to be below the standard of the race " and that "our powers and responsibilities will for ever increase, at a rate dependent on their magnitude and fulness of use.

In the Second Section, headed 'Corporate Worship and Service,' he rushes rather inconsequently into a scheme for the reform of the services of the Church of England; suggests that the Uniformity Amendment Act of 1872 should be amended so as to allow of a shortened form of service being given on Sunday, and that the Lord's Prayer should be set to music; and gives us a form of declaration to be used at ordination, instead of the existing one. He also sketches in outline a future "National Christian Church" which shall include Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Congregational "Branches," each under its separate governors, and thinks that some further

"declaration on the secular side, against the domination of any foreign potentate in this realm, and some precautionary statement against Jesuitical interpretation and underground scheming, would seem to be necessary also."

He further hopes that "certain anti-English auricular practices will never be enforced in any branch of the National Church, however comprehensive it may become," and admits later that Roman Catholics cannot "join a merely National Church, however closely their creed and practices may approach one section of it on the purely religious side." In this section also may be found the statements that "every one admits, now" that "to regard any such rite [as baptism] as essential to salvation is superstitious' and that with regard to the other sacrament declared in the Church Catechism to be so essential, "even devout worshippers must admit that superstition has been prone to enter, and that its ecclesiastical developments have been at times painful beyond description."

Refreshed by this excursion into concrete and practical matters, Sir Oliver Lodge now returns to the purely theoretical, and in a Third Section, headed 'The Immortality of the Soul,' tells us that the Heraclitan aphorism Παντά ρεί is "vitally and comprehensively true"; that "the soul is to the body what the Logos is to the universe, i.e., that it is that without which it does not exist—that which vivifies and constructs, or composes and informs, the whole"; and that "everything arose from God.... for everything is in God now, and everything will continue to be animated and sustained by God to all eternity."
He then recurs to his idea of telepathy, which, he suggests, occurs "as if mental intercourse were effected unconsciously through a general nexus of communication -a universal world-mind." He further declares that "the facts of 'telepathy,' and in a less degree of what is called "clairvoyance," must be regarded as virtually established," and goes at some length into the usual "phenomena" secured with a medium, as to which he opines that

"the reproduction of a thought in our world appears to demand distinct effort on the part of a transcendental thinker; and it seems to be almost a matter of indifference, or so to speak of accident not determined by the thinker, whether it make its appearance here in the form of speech or writing, or whether it takes the form of a work of art, or of unusual spiritual illumination."

In the Fourth Section, headed 'Science and Christianity,' we have further dogmatic statements to the effect that original sin "is non-existent, and no one but a monk could have invented it"; that "these attempted identifications of the Messiah with the Most High verge on the blasphemous"; that it is "the materialising tendency of the human race" which has given us "legends of abnormal birth and of bodily resurrection"; that "whatever happened to him [i.e., to Christ] may happen to any one of us, provided we attain the required altitude " and that "the Divinity of Jesus, and of all other noble and saintly souls....can be freed now from all trace of grovelling superstition, and can be recognised freely and enthusiastically." With this, too, are mixed suggestions that the spirit of man after death "will retain the power of constructing for itself a suitable vehicle of manifestation, which is the essential meaning of the term 'body'"; although it is at the same time said to be possible that "its powers of communication will then be limited to intercourse with friends, i.e., persons with whom it is in sympathy."

These numerous extracts have been given because it is evident that—with the possible exception of Sir Oliver Lodge's proposals for the reform of the Church of England and its services—there is no real dichotomy between the subjectmatter of the different parts of his book. Through them all runs like a thread the assertion of his belief in the so-called spiritualistic phenomena, and of the idea, more or less distinctly expressed, that

we are living in "a period of religious awakening" when all the world is waiting eagerly for some announcement that shall heal the supposed breach between what Sir Oliver Lodge calls "orthodox religion" and "orthodox science." It may be greatly doubted whether the latter contention can be effectively maintained. and the examples of the late Sir George Stokes and Lord Kelvin, to say nothing of Continental scholars like M. Branly and the late Prof. Virchow, might be sufficient to assure us that even "the average Fellow of the Royal Society," which is the expression Sir Oliver Lodge takes as the synonym of "the recognised official exponent of science," has sometimes been able to reconcile the profession of Christianity with active questioning of Nature, and without treading the middle way recommended by Sir Oliver Lodge. But to the plain man the dogmatic statements of the author seem so utterly subversive of all that generally passes under the name of the Christian religion that it is worth while to examine in some detail the process by which he proposes to reconcile them with it.

Now this method is neither very new nor very effective. To emphasize the points on which you and your opponent are in agreement, and to use, about those in which you are not, words so vague and nebulous as to lead careless people to think they can be neglected, is a controversial device as old as, and probably a good deal older than, the Pelagian heresy. So Sir Oliver Lodge would cover up his denial of the divinity of the Founder of Christianity in phrases calculated to convey that he only denies it in some sense other than those which the words generally bear. "The most perfect of all the sons of men, the likest God this planet ever saw, he to whom many look for their idea of what God is," he says in one place; a Being whom it was possible to love, to serve, to worship; for whom it is possible to live and work, and, if need be, to die," in another; "there is evidently something unique about the majesty of Jesus as Christ which raises him above the rank of man," in a third. He is even willing to admit that "there may be some foundation of truth even for the legendary appearance to Magi and to shepherds at the Nativity," so long as we accept his view, which he calls "the traditional one," that "the coming or the going of a great personality may be heralded and accompanied by strange occurrences in the region of physical force." So, too, he thinks it "reasonable to accept the historic Christ as represented in the Gospels, together with the account given of his teachings, as a narrative substantially true"; and he says that the disbelief in miracles current half a century ago among people "who in all practical details of life and conduct were as good as—well, were comparable with—orthodox Christians" went, in his judgment, "too far: it extended to some of the spiritual teachings-to those concerning prayer, for instance; and it threw needless doubt upon some phenomena....

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which may after all have been facts." We will not suggest that Sir Oliver Lodge thinks that those who are willing to accept the Christian miracles may be induced to accept those of spiritualism as well; but what is the use of these concessions to the traditional beliefs of Christianity when he tells us, in discussing the Resurrection,

"that as regards any proof of material resurrection or resuscitation the evidence adduced is not such as will bear scrutiny: it offers no case to the Society for Psychical Research"?

"If the stone and the seal had been found intact," he goes on,

"the watch on duty and yet the tomb empty,
there would have been something to inestigate. But to find the place abandoned, and the stone rolled away, is equivalent to finding the grave rifled: no question of dematerialisation need arise."

The heathen quoted by Tertullian put the case more coarsely, but not more strongly than the present author, against the cardinal dogma of all the Christian Churches.

It is seldom that any one, however gifted, can thus play with words without losing sight of the difference between fact and opinion, and there are many passages in which Sir Oliver Lodge's information is either not so extended or not so accurate as we should have supposed. Perhaps we should be unjust to reproach him with always using "evolution" in the vulgar and mistaken sense as synonymous with progress, for in one passage he does show some acquaintance with the fact that evolution is sometimes regressive as well as progressive. But when he speaks of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as making Jesus only "quarter man, it is evident that he does not know that this dogma only asserts that the Virgin Mary was herself conceived without sin. So, too, when he says, in more than one passage, that "we have no glimmering conception of the process by which mental activity operates on the matter of the brain," he appears to be ignorant of the whole process of neuronic action, which in principle is not denied by any one who has studied the subject. Nor is there absent from the book a tone of provincialism, as if nothing worth noting could possibly occur outside a certain narrow sphere of reading. Thus he tells us that "already, in Germany, have inorganic and artificial substances been found to crawl about on glass slides, under the action of surface-tension or capillarity, with an appearance which is said to have deceived even a biologist into hastily pronouncing them living amœbæ";

but it was in France, and not in Germany, that M. Raphaël Dubois, M. Stéphane Leduc, and others made their experiments in cytogenesis, and the results have more resembled plants than animalcules. So, too, where he speaks of all "active fighting" having been suspended and "all bitterness" having passed from the again France and Italy, he would find both fighting and bitterness enough in all conscience.

We think that Sir Oliver Lodge's friends and admirers—and their name is legion—cannot but be sorry that he should have published this book. He has made himself a great name as a skilful experimenter and a lucid expounder in physical science, and has proved himself a brilliant and enthusiastic, if not always a very sound mathematician; but even a well-deserved reputation in one branch of science does not enable its possessor to speak ex cathedra on others in which he is not expert. For the rest, as M. Lucien Poincaré has lately said, every age thinks its own scientific discoveries of far greater importance than they appear to the eyes of future generations, and the world is not waiting, as Sir Oliver Lodge appears to think, for a voice from Birmingham to tell it how it may manage, by taking something from and adding much to its creeds, to go on believing pretty nearly what it believed before. Nor, it may be added, when it does find itself in need of a new revelation, is it likely-at least in our view-to accept the message of spiritualism.

RESEARCH NOTES.

The details of Dr. Bucherer's experimental demonstration of the principle of relativity have now been published in the *Physikalische Zeitschrift*. As he himself summarizes it, Becquerel rays are allowed to fly through the field of a condenser, and the electrical forces acting on the electrons are compensated by the super-position of a uniform magnetic field parallel to the condenser plates. After the rays have emerged from the electric field, they are subjected to the magnetic field alone. The electrons thus deflected fall on a photographic film, so that the deflection can be measured. The deflecting force of the magnetic field being proportional to the velocity of the electrons, only electrons of the velocity provided for can emerge. The condenser in the actual experiment consisted of a pair of plates 8 centimetres in diameter and about 2 of a millimetre apart, between which was placed a small sphere of fluoride of radium. The small sphere of fluoride of radium. The reason that Dr. Bucherer gives for employing the fluoride, instead of the more usual bromide, is that he thus reduces the time of exposure. The condenser was enclosed in a brass box 8×16 centimetres, the breadth being thus double the height. This was closed by a ground-glass lid, and exhausted by a Gaede's pump, while the charge of the condenser was maintained by a secondary battery. The photographic film was kept pressed by suitable means against the interior of the box, and the whole was enclosed in a solenoid 103 centimetres in length, giving a field of 140 Gauss. Dr. Bucherer considers that his experiments conclusively prove the view put forward by Prof. Lorentz, and modified by Prof. Einstein, to the effect that all moving bodies are deformed in the direction of the movement, to be correct, and that in consequence all movement is relative. From this it would seem to follow, as has been already pointed all bitterness" having passed from the conflict between science and faith, he must be thinking of England only. Were he to inform himself of the state of matters in Germany, Belgium, and

experiments will be continued, and it is hoped to refer to them again later. Mean-while it may be noted that Prof. Enriquez while it may be noted that Prof. Enriquez (of Bologna) seemed to foreshadow the result arrived at in an article on 'Le Principe d'inertie' in the Rivista di Scienza of last year, while Prof. C. N. Lewis (of Boston) deals with some of the matters under consideration, from another standpoint, in this month's Philosophical Magazine.

From these conclusions, to which, as has been shown in these Notes, the opinions of physicists of such ability and position as M. Henri Poincaré have for some time been tending, it would seem that all matter is electromagnetic, or, to put it in another way, that what we call matter consists of ether in some form of vortex motion, electromagnetic forces being apparently the only ones capable of so acting as to make the effects of the translatory motion of the earth We are still too near the experivanish. ments in question to realize their full scope, or perhaps even to criticize them effectively; but it may be pointed out that the application of the principle of relativity to gravitation may produce some curious results. In connexion with this may be noted some experiments of M. P. Villard on the positive or anodic light of a vacuum tube, which seems to him to resemble less a stream of discrete particles than a chain which, like a vortex-ring, has a motion of its own, and, as it were, an existence independent of its component parts. In a full and clear lecture reported in the *Bulletin* of the Société française de Physique, M. Villard gives a well-illustrated account of the phenomena he describes, and compares them with what seems to take place in a Crookes and a Giessler tube respectively. Although he does not draw this conclusion, the conjecture may be hazarded that the positive electrons, no matter at what speed they are driven, may have a greater affinity for combination with each other than their negative brethren, and that this may be due to some peculiarity in the structure of the vortex-rings of which they may be supposed to consist.

A different view of the atom may be found in a paper by Mr. William Barlow and Mr. W. J. Pope (of Manchester University) in the *Transactions* of the Chemical Society. Their idea, as formerly stated in these Notes (see *Athenœum*, No. 4135), is that the influence of an element in combination depends on the packing of its atoms, and that this is sufficient to account atoms, and that this is sufficient to account for the similarity between the varying crystalline forms of similar substances. The instances chosen in the present paper are nitrate of sodium and carbonate of calcium, and many excellently clear illus-trations are given, showing how similar arrangements of the atoms can be imagined to represent the similar behaviour of these two salts. The subject is too technical to be treated further here, but the paper is a solid and valuable contribution to science, and deserves prolonged study. The diffiand deserves prolonged study. The diffi-culty which besets the inquirer into all such attempts to account for the difference between elements on purely mechanical grounds is that, while it is perhaps possible to imagine the mechanical arrangements suggested, no experimental proof can be

given of their actual existence.

Prof. Rutherford and Mr. A. Royds, in the current Philosophical Magazine, attack, with more details than at the Dublin meeting of the British Association, Sir William Ramsay's suggested proof of the transformation of helium into neon, and seek to show that the neon spectrum observed in the original experiment was due to an accidental leak of air into the apparatus used. In the

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course of his paper Prof. Rutherford gives an account of the extremely small quantity of neon that needs to be present before its characteristic spectrum will present itself. If this is coupled with Madame Curie and Mlle. Gleditsch's unsuccessful attempt to repeat Sir William Ramsay's experiment with platinum vessels, some case seems to be made out against the latest experiments in the transmutation of elements. But it must be remembered that Sir William Ramsay has not yet answered his critics, and that even if it should turn out that his striking experiment was vitiated by an unfortunate accident like that here suggested, it by no means follows that it was ill designed for its purpose, or that a repetition of it, in which the supposed source of error is guarded against, may not be successful.

M. G. D. Hinrichs has communicated to the Académie des Sciences an article on the atomic weight of a new element which he calls pantogen, and of which all the other chemical elements are, he declares, but variants in different stages of condensa-tion. Taking oxygen at 16, he deduces the atomic weight of pantogen at 1.00781, and he would get at the atomic weight of the remaining elements by multiplying the weights generally accepted by 128. Although this does not seem very likely, the hypothesis has been warmly taken up by M. G. Lemoine, and any who may feel interested in the matter are recommended to read a lecture by the latter reported by the Revue des Questions scientifiques (of Brussels) in the number for the 20th of July last. M Hinrichs's communication appears in the Comptes Rendus for the 2nd of this month.

Some recent attempts to determine the temperature of the sun reveal a surprising disparity between the views of different observers. A writer in the Revue Scientifique —whom I take to be the Abbé Moreux—points out that Pouillet's old determination of its value as from 1,468° to 1,761° C. is contradicted by the fact that a higher temperature than this has been obtained by concentration of the sun's rays in the focus of a concave mirror. Violle agreed to a temperature of 3,000° C.; and Rosetti considered that the heat of the interior might be as high as 20,000° C., while that of the envelope might be half that figure. Dr. Paschen (of Hanover), by comparing it with the heat of incandescent platinum, thought the heat of incandescent platinum, thought it would turn out to be 5,000° C.; and MM. Féry and Millochau, after many experiments made by them at the top of Mont Blanc, agreed to a figure about 1,000° C. higher. The last pronouncement on the subject is that of Dr. Goldhammer, who effects at the flavores. who, after a study of Langley's observations, thinks that the solar temperature cannot be less than 10,000° absolute. The question is important, as if the heat radiated by the sun does not exceed that of the electric arc. experiments with the latter might supply information on several questions connected with the appearance in nature of the elements and other points, which now seem incapable of solution.

In the Revue Générale des Sciences Dr. Alfred Gradenwitz calls attention to the extreme efficiency of the human organism as a machine. Prof. Macdonald's experi-ments at Sheffield with a metal insulated cage in which a person was incarcerated, together with a bicycle mechanism and other apparatus for measurement, showed, when collated with similar experiments at Connecticut under the supervision of Prof. Atwater and Prof. Benedict, that during the space of twenty-four hours a wellfed and muscular subject could, without working continuously, perform muscular work equivalent to the lifting of two tons to the height of a mile. On the whole, the experiments demonstrated that, of the furnished to the subject in the shape of food, 36 per cent was converted into mechanical work, in addition, of course, to that required for the proper operation of the processes of digestion and for the work of the brain and nerves. The lesson that Dr. Gradenwitz draws from this is that not only is the "human machine" far more efficient than any machine artificially constructed, but also that the danger of physical or mental overwork is generally precluded by a margin of safety far greater than is often imagined.

The current number of Science Progress contains, besides an excellent paper by Mr. Beach Thomas on 'Heredity and Radium at Dublin,' in which most of the questions in biology there broached are touched with a light hand, a noteworthy article by Mr. Lydekker on 'Artificial Modifications in the Colouring of Birds,' in which he details several experiments made by Mr. C. W. Beebe at the Zoological Society's gardens in New York. The result seems to indicate that what is called melanism, or a tendency to produce darker feathers at each succeeding moult, may be induced by an excessively moist atmosphere, the cages of the pigeons, finches, and thrushes chosen as the subjects of the experiment being kept in an atmosphere in which there was about 10 per cent more moisture than in the rest of the gardens. The response to the change in the environment was, however, markedly different in different individuals, and leads to some doubt as to whether it was not in some cases a throw-back to the plumage of more or less remote ancestors. Some further experiments went to show that the "nuptial" plumage of certain birds may be artificially induced by alterations of diet and the like; but the real crux of the matter will come when the animals whose coloration has thus been modified are allowed to breed. It almost seems as if we might thus hope for an experimental solution of the question whether acquired characters are or are not inherited.

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL NUMISMATIC.—Nov. 19.—Sir Henry H. Howorth, President, in the chair.—Mr. Edward Shepherd was elected a Fellow.—Mr. T. Bliss exhibited a series of silver pennies of Wulfred, Ceolnoth, and Plegmund, Archbishops of Canterbury.—Mr. W. W. Monckton showed a specimen of the Prestwich medal of the Geological Society, having on the obverse a bust of Joseph Prestwich, and on the reverse a figure of the fossil Prestwichia. The medal was designed by the late Sir John Evans, and executed by Mr. Frank Bowcher.—Mr. Bernard Roth read a paper on a British gold stater of the Brigantes, which had been recently found, with many others of the same class, at South Ferriby in Lincolnshire. It has the usual reverse type of a rudely formed horse: but on the obverse, instead of a head, a large flower like trefoil, bearing some resemblance to the numismatic Tudor rose. It is an entirely new type, and this specimen is so far a head, a large flower like trefoil, bearing some resemblance to the numismatic Tudor rose. It is an entirely new type, and this specimen is so far unique.—Miss Helen Farquhar read a paper on Nicholas Hilliard, "Embosser of Medals in Gold." After giving some particulars of Hilliard as a miniature painter, Miss Farquhar proceeded to show that he was also skilful as a goldsmith and worker in metals. Specimens of his handicraft are to be met with in the form of frames containing some of his most noted miniatures, and also in the famous Armada Jewel in the possession of Mr. Pierpont Morgan. From analogy of workmanship Miss Farquhar attributed to Hilliard the fine Armada medal on which Elizabeth is represented full face. rardunar attributed to Hilliard the line Armada medal on which Elizabeth is represented full face, wearing a high ruff and an elaborate dress. The execution of this bust in its general design is so similar to the full-length figure of the Queen on her sminar to the different native of the Queen on her second Great Seal, which was executed by Hilliard, that there seemed no doubt that he was employed also to make the Queen's medals. Other medals of the same period were also attributed to Hilliard, and amongst them one of James I., which was struck in 1604 to commemorate the peace with Spain,

and which represents the King three-quarter face, wearing a slashed doublet and a hat ornamented with a crown and a jewel.

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LINNEAN.—Nov. 19.—Dr. D. H. Scott, President, in the chair.—The President announced that the King of Sweden had signed the Roll and Charter-Book as an Honorary Member.—Miss Eleanor Pearse and Mr. J. Moore Williams were elected Fellows.—Mr. Harold Wager gave a lanten demonstration on 'The Optical Behaviour of the Epidermal Cells of Leaves.' The President and Dr. S. E. Chandler commented on the exhibition.—Mr. C. T. Druery exhibited some ferns growing in a bottle presumably airtight, on silver sand, which during a period of four years had nearly filled the jar. The question he propounded was, How did this vegetative growth procure the needful carbon dioxide? Mr. G. P. Mudge, Dr. Rendle, and Dr. Drabble engaged in a short discussion on the point raised.—The Rev. John Gerard, S.J., showed a series of lantern slides: (a) illustrating yew stems naturally inarched, from Stonyhurst, Lancashire; and (b) Wistaria stems, one of which, having beet twined round a pillar "clockwise" fashion, had ceased to put forth fresh shoots, though still living. The other, having twined itself "counter-clockwise," had flowered freely. Dr. Rendle, Mr. J. C. Shenston, and the President joined in the discussion which followed.—Miss A. L. Smith showed under the microscope and by lantern-slide Myaccoccus pyriformis or M. rubescens (?), a British member of the Myxobacteriacee, which had also been found near Berlin.—The Rev. T. R. R. Stebbing exhibited specimens of an Alcyonarian evidently belonging to the suborder Pennatulaces and not improbably to the widely distributed species Garernularia obesa in Kölliker's family Cavernulariide. — The first paper, 'On a New Species of Symphyla from the Himalayas,' by Prof. A. D. Imms, was read in title.—Mr. Geoffrey Smit read a paper on 'The Freshwater Crustacea drasmania, with Remarks on their Geographical Distribution, which was illustrated by lanternslides. The Freshwater Crustacea of Tasmania, with Remarks on their Geographical Distributed some observations.

METEOROLOGICAL.—Nov. 18.— Dr. H. R. Mill, President, in the chair.—Mr. H. Harries gave an account of the proceedings of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the German Meteorological Society, which was held at Hamburg on September 28th w 30th, and which he attended as the representative of the Repul Meteorological Society. of the Royal Meteorological Society.—A paper an 'Investigation of the Electrical State of an 'Investigation of the Electrical State of the Upper Atmosphere, made at the Howard Estate Observatory, Glossop,' the joint compilation of Mr. W. Makower, Miss M. White, and Mr. E. Marsden, of the Manchester University, was read by the Secretary. There exists under normal atmospheric conditions a potential gradient in the atmosphere surrounding the earth. The earth being negatively charged with respect to the air, a continuous electric current flows from the wave tinuous electric current flows from the upper atmosphere to the earth. It follows, therefore, that a kite attached to an earth-connected wire will tend to assume the potential of the air surrounding it, and an electric current will flow continuously down the wire to earth, through the winding machine to which the wire is attached. The experiment described in the paper were undertaken with a view to determining the magnitude of this current when the kite was at different heights. The authors found that in general a high wind produced at a given altitude an abnormally high value for the current flowing down the wire. Whether the action of the wind is to be accounted for by the greater volume of air which passes in a stated time over the sails of the kite, so giving a greater volume of air from which electricity is collected; or whether the action of the wind is to be attributed to electrification by friction, the authors find it difficult to say; but there is no question that the velocity of the wind plays an important part in determining the current flowing down the kite wire. In confirmation it may be added that observations made with a captive

be added that observations made with a capave balloon in very calm weather gave abnormally low values for the current. A paper by Capt. C. H. Ley, describing the bal-loon observations which he made at Birdhill, co. Limerick, during July and August, was also read Limerick, during July and August, was also read by the Secretary. These observations were carried out on behalf of the Joint Kite Committee of the Society and the British Association. Capt. Ley gave full details of the observations made on 25 pilot balloons, seven of which carried registering instruments. Several balloons were observed to a horizontal distance of 24 miles. Two of the balloons dropped in the Shannon; these were sent up in exceptionally calm atmosphere, and Capt. Ley con-siders that the river had a suction effect upon them. The immediate neighbourhood of stratus or cirrus The immediate neighbourhood of stratus or cirrus

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Physical.—Nov. 13.—Dr. C. Chree, President, in the chair.—The meeting was held, by invitation of Prof. F. T. Trouton, in the Physical Laboratory at University College. Dr. Fleming communicated a note on 'The Photo-electric Properties of Potassiumnote on 'The Photo-electric Properties of Potassium-Sodium Alloy,' illustrated by experiments.—A paper entitled 'Electric Splashes on Photographic Plates' was read by Mr. A. W. Porter. Mr. Porter also showed by experiment 'An Anomaly in the Lagging of Thin Wires and Narrow Pipes.—A paper 'On the Rate of Growth of Viscosity in Congealing Solutions' was read by Mr. A. O. Rankine.—Prof. F. T. Trouton described the construction of curves to exhibit the relations which must subsist between to exhibit the relations which must subsist between the concentration and temperature of a solution in order that the same weight of the solute may be adsorbed per square centimetre on introducing a solid on which adsorption takes place. To such a curve the name of isonere has been given.—A paper entitled 'Note on the Recombination of Ions in Air' was read by Dr. Phillips.

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MS. Asiatic, 4.—Recent Discoveries made by the Royal Prussian
Expedition to Chinese Turkestan, Dr. A., von Le Coq.
Royal Academy, 4.—'The Lower Limb'; its Comexion with
the Trunk', Lecture II., Prof. A. Thomson.
Royal Society, 4.—Annual Meeting.
— Institute of Actuaries, 2.—Railway and Commercial Enterprise
in China at the Dawn of the Twentieth Century, Earl of
Ronaldshay.
— British Numismatic, '230.—Annual Meeting : The Gold Mancus of Offs, King of Mercia, Mr. Carlyon-Britton.
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Royal Academy, 4.—The Lower Limb; its Connexion with
the Trunk, Lecture III., Prof. A. Thomson.

London Institution, 8.—'Cattaro and Ragusa, the Cities, the
Country, and the People, Mr. F., Hamilton Jackson.

Lineau, 8.— Biscayan Plankton; the Country, and the Poole, Mr. F., Hamilton Jackson,
Mr. Bunna Hayata; 'Mindery in Spidera, Mr. R. Innes
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Chemical, 8.30.—'Double Salts of Potassium, Iodide with

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Science Gossip.

The death occurred last week of Dr. Théodore Jules Ernest Hamy, a well-known French anthropologist, and, since 1890, a member of the Académie des Inscriptions. Dr. Hamy was born at Boulogne on June 22nd, 1842, and, after obtaining his medical degree, devoted many years to foreign travel in an official capacity. In 1880 he founded the Musée d'Ethnographie at the Trocadéro, and had remained ever since its Conservateur. He published a history of this museum in 1890. He was the author of a number of books on anthropological subjects, and a member of many learned societies, French and foreign.

Prof. John Joly's new volume 'Radium and Geology,' shortly to be published by Messrs. Constable, will deal with the recent developments of the theory that radioactivity has been a factor in geological dynamics. dynamics.

The death took place in India, last Saturday, of Dr. John Husband, C.I.E., who had been a medical missionary there

for thirty-eight years. His best work was done in Ajmer, where he started the Ajmer Press, and issued periodically the 'Directory His of Indian Missions and Missionaries.' medical missions and Missionaries. His medical missionary work, hospital, dis-pensary, schools, and hostel for orphans made him one of the best-known men in Aimer.

DR. W. A. CRAIGIE writes :-

"In the report of my paper read to the Philological Society there are two errors (not due to you) logical Society there are two errors (not due to you) which should be corrected, in justice to the scholars concerned. The present editor of the Swedish Academy's dictionary is Dr. K. F. Söderwall: and it is Hr. docent Verner Dahlerup who is preparing the dictionary of modern Danish."

THE large spots seen lately on the sun show a remarkable continuance of abundance, as we are now approaching an epoch of minimum, which will be due in 1911. During the time that these phenomena have been systematically observed, greater activity has been manifested in the sun's southern hemisphere than in the

The sun will attain his greatest southern declination at 5h. 35m. (Greenwich time) on the morning of the 22nd prox., which is therefore the day of the winter solstice in this country. The moon will be full at 9h. 44m. on the evening of the 7th, and new at 10 minutes before noon on the 23rd. She will be in apogee on the evening of the 14th, and at perigee on the afternoon of the 26th. There will be a penumbral eclipse of the moon on the evening of the 7th. An annular eclipse of the sun will take place on the 23rd, the central line of which, after leaving the east coast of South America near Cordoba, will pass across the Antarctic Ocean to the south of the Cape of Good Hope, and no part of the eclipse will be visible in the northern hemisphere. The planet Mercury is visible now in the morning, situated in the western part of Scorpio, but will be at superior conjunction with the sun on the 24th prox. Venus rises later each morning, moving during next month from Libra into Scorpio, and passing about six degrees to the north of Antares on the 29th. Mars is moving in an easterly direction through Libra; he will be near the moon on the morning of the 20th. Jupiter is in Leo, and rises earlier each morning; and at the end of the year he reaches his stationary point in the heavens. Saturn is in Pisces, and near the moon on the 2nd prox., their conjunction taking place in the afternoon; he will be on the meridian at 7 o'clock in the evening on the 10th, and at 6 o'clock on the 26th.

Dr. W. LUTHER, Director of the Düsseldorf Observatory, missed a star included in the Bonn 'Durchmusterung' (where it is numbered +33°.715, in the constellation Perseus), but noticed a star of the magnitude (9.5) assigned for it a very short distance to the east of its position. The editor of the Astronomische Nachrichten having referred to Prof. Küstner of Bonn, it is found that there was no mistake in the printed place (resting on two observations separated by a long interval); whilst a communica-tion from Prof. Scheiner of Potsdam states that examination of a later photographic plate proves that the star had really become fainter by about a magnitude in 1899. Prof. Luther's failure to find it on the 30th ult. shows that it is now still fainter, and must be of considerable variability. It will be reckoned as var. 143, 1908, Persei. Of the star near it which was seen on the same night, nothing positive can yet be stated.

No. 4283 of the Astronomische Nachrichten contains two series of observations

of Morehouse's comet-the first by Drs. Antoniazzi and Favaro of Padua, and the second by M. Gonnessiat of Lyons. The latter remarks that the tail towards the end of September was 1° 30′ in length, but soon afterwards the increasing moonlight hindered further examination of that appendage.

M. Gautier, however, of Geneva (Ast. Nach.
No. 4278) obtained several photographs no. 4278) obtained several photographs in the middle of October which showed remarkable changes in the direction and emanation of the tail, similar to those which have been noticed in other places. The comet, according to Herr Ebell's ephemeris, is now in the northern part of Sagittarius; and in consequence of its rapid southerly motion, it sets earlier each evening.

FINE ARTS

MR. CAYLEY ROBINSON'S WORKS AT THE CARFAX GALLERY.

From a journalistic point of view Mr. Cayley Robinson is one of the most important of living British artists, and the younger generation of painters ought to visit this exhibition as a corrective to certain danger-ous tendencies which lie around them. That they should do so is the more important because we are by no means sure that the painter's own personality (serious and admirable artist as he is) is one capable of much expansion beyond the bounds of his present achievement. He is simply one of the rare depositories of certain artistic truths which should be the common property of artists, but which are at the present day almost throttled beneath the rank and luxuriant growth of modern naturalism. The seed requires spreading abroad, and for the moment we can hardly draw attention too strongly to the work of one of the few artists who aim at something more than the clever reproduction of appearances.

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makes him perhaps none the less effectively a tonic. At a time when facility in recording facts has become a habit, so that artists must be for ever throwing off isolated studies—making a score for one for which they have any ulterior use-it is refreshing to come on a man who makes very few observations, but regards each with respect, exacting from it its utmost utility. That he repeats himself thus underlines the peculiar secret of his merit. If Mr. Robinson, for example, has mastered the structure of a Roman helmet, the thing becomes henceforth an integral part of his consciousness is brooded over, and may reappear in odd places in his designs. We see also the ruined fragment of columns (which in Nos. 10 and 22 is combined with the profile of a tall hill-town) reappearing bodily in No. 18 in an entirely different connexion. Identically the same upright tree does duty in Nos. 25 and 32; and when in No. 36 he reproduces the figure of a fisherman casting a net from No. 7, but wishes to try the effect of the boat in a different position, we may be sure that he will not, as would most contemporary artists, go out and make some sketches for the purpose, but will utilize again a boat out of an early picture (31), which has perhaps been in his mind ever since it was engraved there many years ago

by his serious act of drawing it.

This sort of thing, which is distinctly different from his habit of trying over variants of the same design again and again, may seem to point to an art a little starved of its natural and easy intercourse with nature; but the very defect makes clear one of the sources of the artist's strength.

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The man of spare habit is well nourished, while the pampered majority, eating copiously, starve from the failure to digest

what they eat.

With Mr. Robinson the act of drawing involves a severe selection of what is essential and germane to the subject, and a rejection of the merely accidental, and this preference for the larger law separates his art of design from the imitative art to which the greater part of the painting of to-day approximates. In certain subtle matters—the suggestion of movement by drapery, for example—he succeeds in grasping sometimes only a very meagre statement of what is essential; and when this is the case he confesses it with a candour which may amaze the public, accustomed to photographic sufficiency, but which fills the critic with respect. He at least uses drapery as an active element in his design, of treating it as a laboured mass of still life to fill up empty places in his picture.

Nor is to be wondered at that the modern artist lacks the knowledge and insight necessary for the proper handling of drapery, when we consider in how barbarous a fashion it is generally treated in our artschools, students being encouraged to flounder through feats of unintelligent copying of masses of drapery in all sorts accidental folds. Surely the time is come when we might try to teach them not to copy, but to understand it—to approach the subject by drawing the very simplest drapery worn by a model per-fectly upright and in repose, and then to trace the effects of the simplest movements (the raising of an arm, the act of sitting down), conducted with rigid symmetry and every possible elimination of that accident which gives a "picturesque" effect. Thus might be laid the foundations of a grammar of drapery-form which students could use for self-expression, instead of depending, as now, on the lucky snapshotting of the facile hand. In the present day it is creditable to be even a beginner in this art, and here is another reason why Mr. Robinson's example is to be commended.

In an exhibition which keeps so high a level throughout, the ungrateful task of naming the two or three worse drawings would be lighter than that of enumerating the best; but we must mention A Summer Evening (3) for its noble and refined draughtsmanship-the study for The Deep Midnight (13) and Evening in London (17) for their sensitive colour. Many others are just as fine. The prices asked for most of

them are moderate.

The room leading into Mr. Robinson's exhibition contains a number of small pieces of sculpture by Mr. Reginald Wells, and among these also there are some of fine quality. The sculptor in this country is deprived of his natural inspiration—the daily observation of the nude figure; and one might take it as a mark of independent observation that most of Mr. Wells's figures are clothed. As a matter of fact, however, that does not appear to be the reason, for in the first instance they seem obviously suggested by Millet and certain modern Dutch painters in whom the artist rightly recognized a plastic inspiration. The Woman threading a Needle (11) might be a literal translation from a picture by Blommers; the Fisher Girl (23) a more elegant—the Girl with a Faggot (28) a typical—Millet. In The Kiss (27), however, this borrowing justifies itself in a work of singular freshness and vigoura little masterpiece. Indeed, almost all Mr. Wells's renderings of babies show an admirable vitality.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF WARDS.

GEORGE RAPHAEL WARD is represented at the exhibition at Messrs. Grundy & Robinson's Galleries in Mount Street by one miniature, at any rate, of some charm, painted from a portrait by Reynolds; and Mrs. E. M. Ward by a large oil painting, Palissy the Potter, which, along with rather weak figure-drawing, displays considerable mastery of technical processes (notably in the civil life. the still life in the foreground). Ward has a series of his popular water-colour portraits. It is nevertheless un-doubted that James Ward, the founder of the dynasty, is the most interesting figure in the show, and it is the large collection of his drawings which is the attractive feature. Seen alongside the engravings for which they are studies, they indi-cate that his power of spontaneous figuredraughtsmanship did not go much beyond the sketching of a single personage. The groups are combinations after a recipe of units always inferior to the sketches from which they are done. These sketches are unpretentious, but healthy and genuine, recalling now Morland, now Canaletto, now in a drawing of a bloodhound such modern work as that of Regnault, now even Rembrandt in the studies of A Sow (70) and A

As a painter James Ward is not shown quite at his best, unless it be in the Shepherd Boy (116) or the (technically) wonderful portrait of a horse, Wasp (176). The artificial. but brilliant handling of the background in this picture shows his powers as a colourist at their high-water mark.

DRAWINGS AT THE ROWLEY GALLERY.

Mr. Frank Brangwyn is here the principal exhibitor, showing a series of clever drawings. Clearly he is an artist who reflects less than Mr. Cayley Robinson, and draws more, and these tempestuous outpourings in the presence of nature are a little between two stools, neither faithful records nor well-considered designs. In The Church, Montreuil (7), one can see the join-the moment when the observer of landscape, quietly and broadly setting down the facts of the place, handed over the drawing for completion by the facile illus-The latter is apt to break up the movement of his groups by violent alternations of plane, one figure leaning backwards with swaggering action, the next thrusting his head forward into the middle of the group with sudden insistence; nor is this exuberant movement entirely a bad sign, though it may call for chastening and restraint. Perhaps, after all, it were fairer to regard these works as a collection of copious observations, to be selected from at leisure, though certainly not destitute of definite intention or of a kind of distinction. Mr. Livens shows what are more definitely mere notes and jottings, though there is one landscape (44) far superior to the rest, and not unworthy of Constable. Of the others, the portrait of The Artist's Mother (52) is a favourable example.

The animal studies of Mr. W. D. Adams are capable, but a little wanting in personal point of view; while Mr. J. Simpson's three drawings compare favourably with those of Mr. Mura, which are as true in tone, but untidy and "fluffy" in execution. A Newlyn Type (116) is an uninspired example of the work of Phil May. OTHER EXHIBITIONS.

An exhibition of over a hundred drawings by the last-named artist at the Leicester Galleries reveals the miserably one-sided development the last century offered to this extraordinarily gifted man. His natural powers were such that hardly one of these works fails to show the closely sympathetic line of the executant to whom to see is to draw. His lack of cultivation is brought home to us by the inartistic and philistine character of every one of them This we believe to be to some extent an accidental impression. Phil May was always as clever as he is here seen, but was some-

times rather more of an artist.

The work of Miss Victoria Cholmondeler and Sir William Baillie-Hamilton at the Modern Gallery is commonplace in intention, though the Giudecca (34) by the former is

direct and well expressed.

Miss Bauerle's drawings and etchings at Messrs. Dowdeswell's show some feeling for childish character, but show also that tolerance of repetition which spreads over a gallery the results of which observation might readily have been compressed into a couple of small drawings.

CROWE AND CAVALCASELLE'S 'HISTORY OF PAINTING.'

50, Albemarle Street, Nov. 18, 1908.

I AM not concerned to argue with Mr. Dent as to whether a book which is in course of revision and reprinting is out of print and not obtainable; nor whether it can be one of the great values of a book to contain an imperfect and superseded text. What I do say is that his prospectus of Crowe and Cavalcaselle contains statements which are inaccurate and misleading.

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Fine-Art Gossip.

MESSRS. DOWDESWELL will hold at their galleries early in December, an exhibition of landscapes in water colours. Among the eminent painters who will contribute an Sir E. J. Poynter, Mr. Alfred East, Mr. Roger E. Fry, John Fulleylove, Mr. Albert Goodwin, Sir Charles Holroyd, Mr. David Murray, Mr. D. S. MacColl, and Mr. Alfred Parsons

WE note the publication of the Report of the Committee of Rearrangement of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Art Division (1s. 5d.), referred to by us on previous occasions.

AT Christie's last Saturday Vicat Cole's picture 'Harvest-Time' fetched 2041.

THE latest addition to the Dublin Gallery of Modern Art is a drawing by Lord Leighton, presented by Sir Harry Wilson. This completes an interesting group of studies by this artist in the Gallery.

An exhibition to illustrate the art of engraving from the fifteenth century to the present day was held recently at Blackrock, near Dublin. The exhibition was arranged by Capt. Nevill Wilkinson, Ulster King of Arms.

THE first important sale of pictures of the season in Paris will be held at the Galerie Georges Petit on Monday next, when the well-known collection of the late M. Henry Say will be offered. drawings Leicester one-sided ed to this s natural e of these ely symwhom to ivation is tistic and of them. extent an as always

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THE late Charles Landelle, the veteran artist, whose death we recently announced, has bequeathed to the Société des Artistes Français virtually the whole of his remaining works and his collection of examples of other artists, to be sold for the purpose of instituting a fund for the relief of artists who have fallen on evil times. In addition to pictures, this important legacy includes a quantity of old furniture and tapestry.

MR. WILLIAM GEORGE BLACK has intimated his desire to resign the Honorary Secretaryship of the Glasgow Archæological Society, which he has held for twenty-eight years, under thirteen Presidents. He is a candidate for Parliamentary honours.

The Antiquary for December will include the following: 'The Cult of the Neo-pruidism: a Test Case Examined,' by Mr. C. W. Dymond; the conclusion of 'The Comacines,' by Mr. W. Ravenscroft (illustrated), and 'Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewshum,' by Mrs. Gildhrist, 'Boman Chin. bury,' by Mrs. Gilchrist; 'Roman Coin Forgeries,' by Mr. C. W. Shepherd; an illustrated chat on 'Christmas Pieces,' by Mr. G. M. Beaton; a further instalment of 'The London Signs and their Associa-tions,' by Mr. J. H. MacMichael; and an illustrated notice of Selby Abbey.

MR. D. B. SPOONER, Government Archæologist for the North-West Frontier Circle in India, gives in his last Report a rather glowing account of the richness and variety of the sculptures unearthed in the explora-

of the sculptures unearthed in the exploration of Takht-i-Bahi. He writes:—
"We have here not only one of the most
valuable sites on the frontier, but indeed one of
the most interesting of the really ancient sites in
India. In matter of style and artistic feeling, as
well as of execution, the range is from the extreme
of excellence to the extreme of degeneration.
Apparently Takht-i-Bahi was founded in those
remote ages when Gandhara art was at its very
height, and occupied from that time until the
school had nearly run its gourse. No other theory school had nearly run its course. No other theory would explain the extremes met with. It is already clear that Takht-i-Bahi must always have been one of the chief centres of the Buddhist cult in those regions."

Under the title of 'The Kalendar of Shepherds' an interesting book is announced by Messrs. Sidgwick & Jackson. It consists of the famous mediæval series of woodcuts illustrating pastoral occupations for the twelve months, reproduced in facsimile from the 1529 edition of 'Le grant Kalandrier et Compost des Bergiers,' printed at Troyes.

MESSRS. GLENDINING & Co. included in their sale on the 20th inst. a Victoria Cross, awarded to Samuel Mitchell, H.M.S. Harrier, in New Zealand, 1864, 50l., and a silver medal for the battle of Maida, July 4th, 1806, 111.

Sat. (Nov. 28).—Alpine Paintings, Alpine Club, 23, Savile Row, W. Etchings by Prof. Schmutzer of Vienna, Water-Colours by Millicont Sowerby, and Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Medici Society Exhibition, Buillie Gallery.

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Mos. Frederic Yates's Portraits and Landscapes, Press View, Messrs. van Wisselingh's Gallery.

Tutas Ceilia Blackwood's Water-Colours of England, Scotland, Rally, and the Riviera. Private View, Ryder Gallery.

MUSIC

THE WEEK. EOLIAN HALL.—Broadwood Concert.

Mozart's Sonata in a for pianoforte and violin (written in 1787, the year in which 'Don Giovanni' was produced) was performed on the 19th inst. at the third Broadwood Concert by Lady Speyer and Mr. J. A. Fuller Maitland, the latter, however, playing the pianoforte part on a

programme-book explaining, lest any should deprecate the use of that instrument, that "right down to the date of the earliest of Beethoven's sonatas the harpsichord was in vogue"; as a matter of fact, indeed, the title-page of the c sharp minor Sonata (Op. 27, No. 2) has "per il Clavicembalo o Piano-Forte." Mozart no doubt played this and other works sometimes on the one, sometimes on the other instrument. The rendering of the expressive Andante was specially appreciated. Brahms's Liebeslieder-Walzer (first set) were sung by the Folk-Song Quartet, but the interpretation was not over-refined, neither was there a satisfactory blending of voices. The pianoforte-duet accompaniment was performed with artistic taste by Mrs. Carl Derenberg and Mr. Fuller Maitland.

St. James's Hall.—Brighton Municipal Orchestra.

THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA gave a concert at St. James's Hall last Saturday afternoon. The performers, 40 in number, are skilful, and they have been well trained by the conductor, Mr. Joseph Sainton. A most creditable rendering was given of the 'Tannhäuser' Overture; and in Schubert's 'Unfinished' Symphony there was some very refined playing. The spirit in which the latter was given was true enough, but the sadness and at times deep despair in the first movement were not fully expressed; while the tempo of the second ought to have been a shade faster. In Mr. Edward German's Welsh Rhapsody' the band was heard to advantage.

ÆOLIAN HALL.—M. Cortot's Recital. STEINWAY HALL.—M. Sapellnikoff's Recital.

OF pianoforte recitals we would mention those of M. Alfred Cortot, the French pianist, and M. Sapellnikoff. The former gave the first of two recitals at the Æolian Hall last Saturday, and played Liszt's Sonata in B minor. His reading was undoubtedly clever and brilliant, yet at times he attracted more attention than the music: the reading, in fact, was too objective.

The same Sonata was performed by M. Sapellnikoff, the Russian pianist, at his recital at Steinway Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Here again was a powerful reading of the work. The technique was very fine, and the interpretation of the music thoroughly sound; it only needed a little stronger display of emotion. It is fair to add that as Pachmann in Chopin, so Signor Busoni in Liszt stands foremost, and it is just the warmth, as well as great skill, which he displays in performing this particular work that makes it so impressive. M. Sapellnikoff's rendering of Schumann's 'Études Symphoniques' was most satisfactory; there was restraint, yet no effect of coldness.

St. James's Hall.—Grimson Quartet.

A FEW words must be said about the first of a series of three chamber concerts given harpsichord. A note was given in the on Tuesday evening by the Grimson

Quartet (Miss Jessie Grimson and Messrs. Frank Bridge, Ernest Tomlinson, and Edward Mason). They performed for the first time in London the two movements of a Quartet left unfinished by Edvard Grieg. The music is thoroughly characteristic of the composer, and therefore interesting. The programme included Brahms's Quartet in a minor (Op. 51, No. 2). The renderings of these works were very good: excellent ensemble was secured without any feeling of mechanical precision.

Musical Gossip.

On Wednesday evening Mischa Elman gave his farewell orchestral concert at Queen's Hall previous to his departure for Queen's Hall previous to his departure for America and Australia, and, as usual, rendered very finely Brahms's Violin Concerto. M. Emil Mlynarski was the conductor, and the programme included the interesting Symphony by Kalinnikoff which M. Kussewitsky produced at his concert last

HERMANN GOETZ'S opera 'Francesca da Rimini' will be performed, for the first time in England, by the students of the Royal College of Music at His Majesty's Theatre on the afternoon of Thursday next. The composer only sketched the third act, but at his request a friend completed the work, which was produced at Mann-heim in 1877. The performance under the direction of Sir Charles Stanford will take place on the thirty-second anniversary of the premature death of the gifted com-

A PRELIMINARY notice is given in the December number of *The Musical Times* of Sir Edward Elgar's Symphony to be produced at Manchester next Thursday, under the direction of Dr. Hans Richter. It contains the usual four symphonic move-ments, and, to judge from the outline of this thematic material, promises to be of no ordinary interest.

A MEETING of the Irish Folk-Song Society was held last week in Dublin with the object of bringing the work of the Society before the Irish public, and encouraging the practice of folk-music in Irish schools. Several of the speakers urged the importance of collecting and preserving the traditional melodies that are still unpublished.

A special orchestral concert, for which A SPECIAL orchestral concert, for which the London Symphony Orchestra is engaged, is to be given at Queen's Hall on the evening of December 31st, under the direction of Mr. Allen Gill. Works by members of the Society are to be performed, viz., by Drs. James Lyon and G. P. Allen, and Messrs. H. E. Gheel, J. Weston Nicholl, J. C. Ames, and J. B. McEwen. At another concert Boyce's 'Ode to Charity' is to be given. given.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians will take place from December 28th to January 1st. The meeting to be held at the Mansion House on the first day will be opened by the Lord Mayor, and the chair will be taken by Sir Frederick Bridge. The head-quarters of the Conference will be at the Great Central Hotel.

THE ZEUNE-SPITTA COLLECTION, which was to be sold by auction this week at Berlin, included an interesting autograph of Haydn, viz., a letter written to Dr. Kruger at Bergen. The composer expresses his delight at learning that not only his name, but also his works are known in Bergen, and that the

latter are received with favour. His heart's desire that wherever his music is given, "I may not be considered an unworthy minister of the art I cultivate," has been, he says, fulfilled.

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Mr. Vernon Warner's Planoforte Recital, 3, Eolian Hall.

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Scotch Concert, 7:43, Royal Albert Hall.

Mr. Linden's Cello Recital, 8, 8t. James's Hall.

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Miss Frene Spong's Vocal Recital, 8, 15, Bechstein Hall.

Mr. Arturo Tibald's Violin Recital, 8, 15, Bechstein Hall.

London Choral Society ('Samson and Delilah'), 8, Queen's Hall.

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THURS. Royal College of Music, Students' Opera Performance, 2, His Majesty's.

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Grand Operatic Concert, 3, Bechstein Hall.

Miss Leginska's Second Recital, 3, Æolian Hall.

Brinsmead's Popular Concert, 3,15, 82, James's Hall.

Royal Choral Society ('Golden Legend', 8, Royal Albert Hall.

Miss Margaret Bentwood's Violin Recital, 3,15, Bechstein Hall.

Broadwood Concert, 3,30, Æolian Hall.

Madame Marchesi's Farewell Recital, 8,30, Bechstein Hall.

Chappeli's Ballad Concert, 2,30, Queen's Hall.

Mr. George Swinton's Concert. 8,30, Bechstein Hall.

DRAMA

THE WEEK.

KINGSWAY .- Grit : a Play in Four Acts. By H. Herman Chilton.

With each new play she produces Miss Lena Ashwell augments the list of our promising dramatists, and if her latest discovery does not show the originality of Mr. Anthony Wharton, or the admirable stagecraft of the author of 'The Swayboat,' Mr. Chilton nevertheless gives us in 'Grit' what we have come to expect from the Kingsway productions-crisp, colloquial dialogue and fresh characterization. Undeniably the idea of the piece is old-fashioned; it is that of 'The Ironmaster' or 'New Men and Old Acres over again—the marriage of a girl of good family to a man of inferior station; but this idea has been cleverly adapted to our own times, and naturally treated. When once we have overlooked the curious nature of the will in which a carpenter and a girl of the "smart set" are left to share a fortune on condition that they marry one another, when once we have accepted the readiness of both parties to enter into such an alliance and the Socialist's quixotic proposal that the relationship shall be platonic, there is much in the manipulation of both the characters and the story to redeem the conventionality of the starting-point. No doubt Mr. Chilton has much to learn in the art of construction; he lacks concentration, and is inclined to be diffuse. Still there is life in his figures, notwithstanding their circumstances.

Jim Barr, the enriched Labour leader, who wishes to spend his thousands in the service of the poor and gives his wife a free hand, only asking her not to compromise his name, may seem a miracle of forbearance and modesty, but he is furnished with just such individualizing touches as make him human. As for the wife, with her shallow philosophy of disillusionment, her trick of hysterical epigram, her warped a-sexual feelings, and her idea that she can play with the fire of men's love without being singed, she is a genuine study from the life of to-day. Even when the inevitable lover is introduced, the dramatist happily avoids drifting into the stock situation of

drawing-room melodrama. The scene in which this "friend" bursts into the heroine's boudoir and gives her the opportunity of comparing his affection with that of her husband, who also appears, but with the offer to efface himself, is not marred by any violent meeting between the two men; they are not brought face to face, the lover being permitted to hide and slink out unapprehended. This is a welcome innovation in drama founded on an artificial basis. Where, however, Mr. Chilton's hand is surest is in his subordinate types. There is a sketch of a contented wife who tries to school the heroine by the lessons of her own wider experience which is full of charm; and there are two loquacious baby-girlsdismissed too early to bed-whose utterance is provocative of laughter.

The acting is uniformly good. Among the interpreters who may be singled out for mention are Miss Ashwell herself, who adds one more successful portrait to her gallery of neurotic heroines; Mr. McKinnel, who suggests realistically the grit" and social awkwardness of the Labour leader; and Miss Kate Rorke, whose placidity contrasts piquantly with the nervous excitement of Miss Ashwell.

Dramatic Gossip.

THE death last week of Lydia Thompson (Mrs. Alexander Henderson) will recall to older playgoers a leading actress in burlesque and pantomime. Born in 1836, she became known as a dancer in 1852, and in 1856 toured Europe with success, establishing her reputation in her special line. She received a complimentary benefit at the Lyceum in 1899.

THE Samhain Festival of the Theatre of Ireland was held this week in Dublin, when Mr. Rutherford Mayne's Ulster comedy 'The Turn of the Road' was given, along with a new one-act piece 'The Flame on the Hearth,' by Mr. Seamus O'Kelly. Both plays were creditably performed.

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